

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH
Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to send you my good wishes to you and your families and I hope you are all in good health.

Updates

On Tuesday we have invited our Year 6 Students and Parents into the school to welcome them in a 'getting to know you' interview. On Tuesday we also have the pleasure of meeting with external students who want to join our Sixth Form! We are really excited to be meeting all of the new students and showing them our wonderful school and all we have to offer.

Over the last two weeks we have held virtual Parents' Evenings for Year 10 and 11 which have been very successful and we have had positive feedback from staff, students and parents and carers about how these were done. Thank you to all who were involved with these meetings and to parents and carers for attending. We will be having these for Year 7, 8 and 9 very soon after the Easter Break.

We finish for Easter on **Thursday 1st April 2021**, but will be running a Year 10 and Year 12 Catch-up School from **Wednesday 7th April – Friday 9th April 2021**.

Year 11 and 13 Examinations

We are still awaiting further and finer detail from the DfE with regard to this. However, what we do know is that traditional exams this year are being replaced by Centre Assessed Grades. There has been some guidance around this and what is clear is that all Year 11 and 13 students must have a range of assessment referral points showing what they are able to achieve in each of their subjects. Year 11 and 13 sat full Mock Assessments in October of 2020 and December of 2020 before the Christmas holiday and the following lockdown. The school is now putting in place further assessment weeks for students over the coming months. A separate letter will be sent after Easter to Year 11 and 13 parents with more detail of this. We shall also be holding parent drop in sessions for parents who want to speak to our assessment team to ask any questions. These will be published after the Easter break.

Lunches

If your child requires money to be put through Parent Pay onto your child's lunch account, can you please do this by **Monday 22nd March at 10.30am** as we will no longer be able to give students lunches without payment being on the account. To be clear, please top up your child's lunch money so that they can pay for their lunch through their biometric system by Monday at 10.30am.

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Year 8 Options

We will be meeting with Year 8 next week to discuss the plans for options in Year 9. Students will be sent home with a letter, so please can you read the information given carefully. If you have any questions regarding options please contact Mr Rakshi who will be able to assist you.

Masks

The Department for Education/ Public Health for England have delivered 40,000 masks to the school this week. Most students seem to have their own individual masks which is very sensible, but today we have given every student packs of masks to take home to their families for use. Masks are still to be worn in all fluid areas of the school. As per Government guidance, students should wear masks in classrooms. If any student refuses to wear a mask around the school, or forgets to bring a mask to school, they may be sent home and parents may have to be met with.

Lateral Mass Testing

Please be aware that the deadline for consenting to your child receiving an 'At Home Lateral Flow Test Kit' is **Monday 22nd March at 12pm.**

If you wish your child to receive an 'At Home Lateral Flow Test Kit' please email:

consent@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org with your child's name and year group no later than **Monday 22nd March at 12pm.**

Covid 19

If your child becomes ill and receives a positive test result for Covid19, please email parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org with the details.

The details must include your child's name, tutor group and the positive test result that was sent to you by Public Health England in your email. You may also take a screen shot of this.

Please go on to our website and click on the special section called Covid 19 for all up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education and from Public Health for England and from the school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal

News this week from the Executive Principal

It has been lovely this week to be back to relative normality. Yes students will have to wear masks, yes students are still in bubbles, but at least we are all in and all being able to be together in the buildings and external areas of the school. A huge well done to students and staff for their ability to just get back and get on with it!!!

PI Day

PI day was a big event for the school on Monday. Well done to Ms Flood, Head of Mathematics, who organised her teaching team to deliver PI events and activities all day. PI day was actually on Sunday, but we celebrated on Monday and too right as Mathematics is a real strength of the school.



Lovely lessons

This week I have spent the week walking around lessons and speaking with students and teachers around the school. I have seen some lovely active and engaging learning with students returning to normal with active learning and Year 8 PE and Year 9 Food



Tech were examples of this. Well done all.

Notices

All students must bring a mask to school and must wear it around the buildings.

With two and a half weeks to go until the end of the school term – can students please ensure that they are on time to school.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal

Sixth Form Update

Year 13 students have had a very productive week this week. They are busy preparing for their upcoming assessment and are determined to do well. Thank you to all of the Sixth Form teachers this week who have done an amazing job with our students. Every lesson I have seen has been challenging and inspiring too.

All Sixth Form students took some time out yesterday to focus on some Prevent sessions delivered by their classroom teachers. This included a captivating video and a discussion after where students were able to answer and ask questions and write down some thoughts. It was a very though provoking hour and everyone came away having learnt something.

Spotlight on Sixth Form

The taster sessions continue this week and we have had some excellent turnouts in PE, Psychology and Politics, to name just a few. Year 11 students have been able to meet their teachers and learn a bit more about what they will be studying next year. Please see the flyer for all of the remaining sessions before the Easter holidays.

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM TASTER SESSIONS

DO YOU WANT AN IDEA OF WHAT LESSONS WILL BE LIKE NEXT YEAR?

DO YOU WANT TO MEET SOME OF YOUR SIXTH FORM TEACHERS?

COME TO OUR SIXTH FORM TASTER SESSIONS IN MARCH TO SEE WHAT LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM IS LIKE. Each session will take place from 3.45 – 4.15 either on Teams or in school.

Wednesday 17th March	BTEC Business, BTEC Health & Social Care, Geography, Further Maths
Thursday 18th March	BTEC IT, BTEC PE, Psychology
Tuesday 23rd March	Film Studies, Economics, Art
Tuesday 23rd March	Sociology
Wednesday 24th March	Business, Biology, English Literature
Thursday 25th March	History, Chemistry, RE
Friday 26th March	Drama
Tuesday 30th March	Biology

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Images of vanitas

In their art lesson on Monday, Year 12 students were exploring the vanitas genre of still life painting and taking photographs of the collection of objects (below) which they will be drawing and painting.



JP Morgan STEM challenge

Y9 students attended their final workshop today for the JP Morgan STEM Challenge! They have been taking part in the programme since November and the final is next week! They will be competing against other schools from across the country. Good luck!

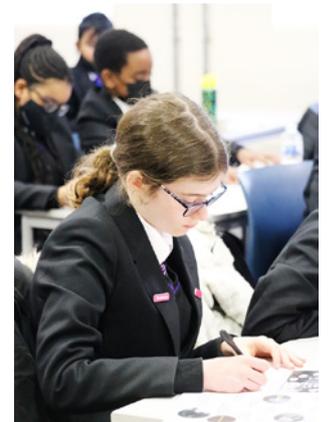


BRAVE workshops

This week all our students have taken part in a PREVENT workshop with their class teacher, focusing on Building Resilience Against Violence and Extremism (BRAVE). Students watched a 30 minute film produced by experts from St Giles Trust and Connect Futures focusing on two key aspects and then completed a work pack designed to encourage reflection on the topics.

- Safeguarding against violent extremism, explaining the process of radicalisation and disengagement with examples from the far right and Islamist extremisms. It also looked at recruiter techniques, including grooming.
- Preventing gang exploitation, this is aimed at creating a cultural shift amongst young people, by both dispelling the myths which glamorise gang life and crime, whilst also exposing the serious exploitative and grooming tactics that take place in order to get young people to join gangs and commit crime.

Students then reflected on the BRAVE film and were encouraged to consider how to better protect themselves and others. The aim of the session was for everyone to understand the exploitative recruitment processes used by gangs/violent extremists and the catastrophic dangers involved with joining gangs/violent extremist groups alongside the serious consequences of supplying drugs/committing crime. Most importantly, though, students walk away with real tools to avoid recruitment and exploitation.





Introducing our Year 10 STEM Scholars

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX



Yusra Mohamed



Shaira Shakera Ali



Zayyaan Ahmed Waafi



Khadija Bint Hussain



Abid Alam Joy



Kaan Mehmet Kaplan



Mas'ud Omar Mohamed Sharif



Muhammed Ehsanul Haque



Nabil Ahmed



Zaqwan Hasan Choudhury



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Muhammad Iyaad Islam



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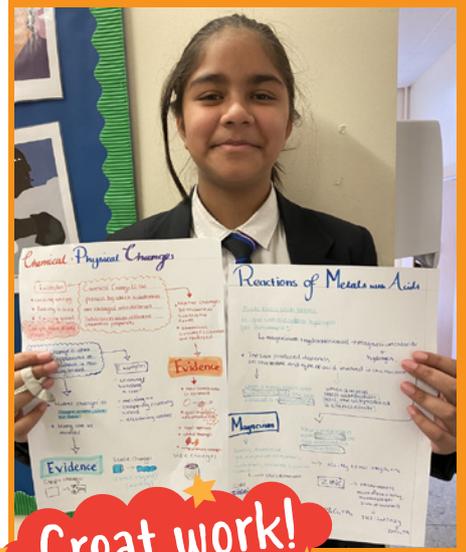


Muhammad Adeel Zeeshan Islam



Zubair Osman Mohamed

Mariam Hussain in Y7 made some fantastic chemistry revision posters over lockdown - well done!

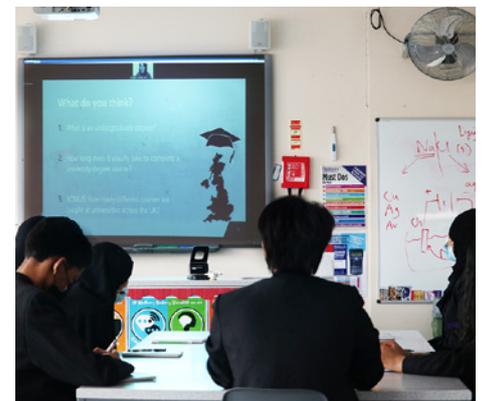


Great work!

Brilliant Club

The KS4 Brilliant club launched on Thursday 18th March. There were 12 Year 9 students and 12 Year 10 students taking part in the live launch event.

The Brilliant Club will be working with our students over the coming months to support their academic attainment and help them to progress to top universities.



The sixth form taster sessions for BTEC sport level 3 was a real success.

19 pupils attended the session in the library.

The pupils asked lots of questions and appeared to have a real interest in the information in which they were receiving.

The pupils were taught about future careers and pathways that the qualification can open doors to.

They were given guidance about what the course consisted of, and what skills they would accrue from picking the subject.

It was a very enjoyable session for pupils and the PE Team.



