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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

A message from the CEO



There is much to celebrate in this new, 12-page issue of Connect. New schools, growth and outstanding practice!

My first thoughts are drawn to our lead article and the announcement that the Mulberry Schools Trust will be opening its first, brand new primary school in September 2022. We are really looking forward to developing an ambitious, creative and inspiring curriculum for local children and families. Huge thanks must go to our team of dedicated professionals from across the Trust who worked on the project. It is such an exciting time for us as we grow our primary phase.

In October, we welcomed Mulberry Stepney Green into our family and we are thrilled to see the school embracing our partnerships and successfully collaborating with colleagues across the Trust. You can read more about the school's work on pages 10 and 11.

The range of stories covered by our schools in this issue are simply outstanding. I am in no doubt that our young people will reach a deeper and more secure level of attainment and achievement as a result of the learning that takes place outside our classrooms. The breadth and depth of our curriculum offer is one that I am deeply proud of.

Season's greetings and wishing you a wonderful New Year.

Dr Vanessa Ogden
CEO

Mulberry to open brand new primary school in Wood Wharf, Isle of Dogs

Following a rigorous selection process, the Mulberry Schools Trust is delighted to have been appointed by the Department for Education to sponsor a new primary school in the Wood Wharf development area in Canary Wharf.

Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary will open in September 2022 in a brand new building on the Isle of Dogs. It will be two form entry and open with 60 pupils in Reception.

Our vision is to create an outstanding, fully inclusive primary school that ensures all children's needs are met. The school will deliver excellent, first class teaching and make a vibrant and meaningful contribution to the local community and beyond.

We are privileged to have this opportunity and we are really excited. We believe primary education shapes a child's adult life and we know that an outstanding education at this phase is transformative. Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary will join our four secondary schools in our family, allowing for quality transition work and great professional development for us all.

What will be really exciting is our curriculum planning over the next three years as the school grows. Our curriculum will be irresistible. It will be ambitious, broad and balanced. Children will follow the national curriculum with some subjects taught discretely, with themes and innovative projects running throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing further news with you as our plans develop.



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Wood Wharf Primary

Do you have a child starting Reception in September 2022?

Applications to join Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary are being accepted until Saturday 15 January 2022.

<https://bit.ly/3dUeVIF>

www.mulberrywoodwharf.org



Scholars win ‘Best Newcomers’ award at Goodwood

Our Mulberry STEM Academy scholars worked extremely hard on their Greenpower project during the final week of the summer term, resulting in great success on the Goodwood race track.

Greenpower is a charity that inspires young people around the world to excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through a unique challenge: to design, build and race an electric car.

Our scholars built three cars in July 2021 – one at Mulberry School for Girls and two at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. During their summer work experience placement at Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd in Brackley, Year 12 students joined a CAD workshop to learn how to design the bodywork using Siemens software. Students also spent a day with the CEO of Greenpower whilst onsite.

Once the cars were complete, the Mulberry Schools Trust was awarded ‘wild card’ entries to the international Greenpower finals at Goodwood in October. It was an incredible day involving 45 staff and students representing the Mulberry STEM Academy. They



descended on to the race track, travelling from 5.00am in the morning. Students participated in the F24+ race (16-24 year olds) and the F24 (11-16 year olds) which

was an all girl team. It was our first ever race, so sadly we did not win. However, the Mulberry Schools Trust was so proud to win the ‘Best Newcomers’ award and, most importantly, the students learnt so much about engineering, marginal gains, efficiency and aerodynamics. Their newly gained knowledge and skills will help us in our journey to excellence. [You can watch our Greenpower journey here](#) 📺

“To be honest I enjoyed everything thoroughly, however, I loved racing the car. It was an amazing experience and allowed me to showcase my skills and also helped me develop communication skills”.
Year 11 scholar

CREST Silver Awards: Scholars gain nationally recognised achievement



The CREST Award is a national, student led programme that inspires students in science and engineering. It encourages students to think and

behave like scientists and engineers. Students develop their own project idea and gain in-depth experience of the scientific method or engineering design process.

Mulberry STEM Academy scholars from across our schools gathered over several Saturdays and Drop Down Days to complete their projects. They worked together under the supervision of Ms Scott from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch and Ms Hussain from Mulberry School for Girls.

The projects included the following:

1. Building their own model catamarans on wheels and investigating how the different shaped sails or material affect speed. This enabled the students to think about aerodynamics and air resistance on vehicles.
2. Researching fuel cells and carbon neutral alternatives to petrol and diesel. Students researched the use of Hydrogen as an alternative fuel, and the advantages and disadvantages of this.
3. Investigating speed and friction, how mass affects the movement of a vehicle and how the police force use skid marks and forensics to build a portfolio of evidence when crimes (e.g. hit and runs) are committed.

What an amazing experience and wonderful achievement!

COMING SOON....

Mulberry STEM Academy graduation

Our first cohort of scholars will graduate in February 2022. Further details next year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Recruitment update

We received 227 applications to join cohort two of the Mulberry STEM Academy and we are now in the process of shortlisting for stage two, where students are required to complete a research question relating to STEM. For stage three, we will hold group discussion interviews focused on our PRIDE values. We look forward to the first event for the successful 100, which will be a careers conference in January 2022. Last year this was an incredible event. Excitement is building.

Leading learning for teachers and school leaders



Connecting
Hackney and
Tower Hamlets
Schools

Since our launch in September 2021, East London Teaching School Hub (led by Mulberry School for Girls) has been very busy bringing high quality professional development to local schools.

Currently we have over 500 Early Career Teachers and their mentors (from over 100 Hackney and Tower Hamlets schools) participating in our Early Career Framework programme, and a further 100 teachers and school leaders engaged in our brand new or reformed National Professional Qualifications. We also have a further 130 Early Career Teachers receiving Appropriate Body Services and support for their induction period.

Although our priority is to support Hackney and Tower Hamlets teachers in their professional development, we have colleagues from across London, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex choosing to learn with us.

East London Teaching School Hub works in partnership with a range of local expert facilitators and organisations. We have a team of over 20 facilitators from different phases and stages working together to ensure participants on our programmes benefit from a range of diverse experiences.

For more information about what we offer, please visit www.eastlondontsh.org or contact us at info@eastlondontsh.org.

Welcome Mulberry Stepney Green

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Stepney Green Maths,
Computing and Science College

We are thrilled to announce that Mulberry Stepney Green Maths, Computing and Science College joined the Mulberry Schools Trust on 1st October 2021. We look forward to sharing our best practices across our growing family of schools.

With growth comes the opportunity to further develop as a Trust and we are sure that all members of our school community will see the benefits that this brings to the education we provide.



Art exhibition features on new school hoarding panels

We are truly inspired by the Mulberry Schools Trust art exhibition located on hoarding panels along The Highway in Wapping.

The panels surround the site of our new school, Mulberry Academy London Dock, which is due to open in September 2023. The art project embodies our Trust's values and it is a project focused on promoting equality, diversity and inclusion, as well as the power of communities. It features authentic words which are deeply moving, alongside original art work by students from across our trust schools. Themes for each panel are powerful and can be [found here on the school's website](#). We want to thank all staff involved in the project, particularly Mr Maynard our Director of Arts.

Future arts projects will take place in all local primary schools over the next two years, starting at Hermitage in the spring. Primary school children will collaborate with Year 10 GCSE artists and produce art and literature focused on history, heritage and communities of Docklands and Tower Hamlets. Each piece will be inspired by a different street name, for example *East India Dock*, *Jamaica Street*

and *Cinnamon Street*. The work will consist of natural form combined with collage, textures and patterns, resulting in the next art exhibition to feature on future hoarding panels. In the meantime, do visit the work.

CREATIVE AT HEART

We foster every child's inherent creativity through the arts, which sit at the heart of our schools.

Students at Mulberry Stepney Green Maths, Computing & Science College will be featured.

FIND OUT MORE

Mulberry Academy London Dock

The artwork displayed on these boards was created by students from across the Mulberry family of schools.

Students extend knowledge of Black culture during BHM

Mulberry School for Girls celebrated Black History Month with a series of events that celebrate Black heritage and culture. Highlights included poetry and printing workshops for Year 7 and 8 students in partnership with Numbi Arts; creative mindfulness workshops inspired by African art; performances of the critically-acclaimed play 'Uplift' by David Neita; and a range of trips to galleries and the Black Cultural Archives. Students were also able to attend academic lectures from experts in their fields. Highlights included lectures by BBC Horn of Africa Editor Mary Harper on the (mis)representation of Africa in the media; Dr Jon Ward of King's College London on representation in film; Professor Matthew Smith of UCL on how historians piece together Britain's involvement in the slave trade and its legacies; Dr Tiziana Morosetti of Goldsmiths on African theatre, and Professor William Henry of UWL on the treatment of, and outcomes for, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the Criminal Justice System. Study trips to King's College London, three Gresham College Lectures and three intelligence Squared events provided further opportunities to extend knowledge and understanding. We were thrilled to host such a diverse range of talented artists, poets, creatives and academics - and the opportunities this provides for students to engage with the richness of Black culture, arts and academia.



Students delight audience as they play to a packed house

Drama at Mulberry School for Girls continues to go from strength to strength.

In October, a packed audience enjoyed Year 13 students performing their play 'The Waiting Room' at the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre. The production, which was devised, written and performed by the students as part of their A Level Drama course, focused on the internal thoughts and fears of four young women as they await their first session with a therapist.



The play explored the power of words to hurt and to heal and touched on important issues, including exam stress, eating disorders and the lengths we go to to fit in. Congratulations to Nusrat Jahra, Jubeda Salam, Syeda Tasnim and Sumaita Tahya for a fantastic piece of theatre.

Meanwhile, the Year 9 Drama club prepared for their performance of Macbeth later this year with a trip to Shakespeare's Globe to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We can't wait to see them on stage soon.

Singing for Little Amal at St Paul's

On Saturday 23 October, over 160 students sang their hearts out on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral to greet Amal, an 11-foot-tall puppet of a Syrian refugee girl. Her journey across Europe brought focus on the plight of millions of refugees and displaced children around the world. Year 8 student Synicia stepped in on the day to the lead role and addressed the crowd, reading Little Amal's letter. Mulberry's gifts of welcome also included a garland made by Year 7 students, who were praised by producer David Lan for their creative work. Students wished Amal happy birthday in British Sign Language which lit the screens at Piccadilly Circus.

[Watch our video, capturing special moments from the day](#)



Mulberry's Happy Birthday BSL wishes lit up Piccadilly Circus

The next Prime Minister?



Congratulations to Mulberry School for Girls students who were invited to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister. The students were invited to talk about the work they have been doing to take action on climate change. Students in Year 8 spoke to the PM about their views on the issue and how they have been taking action through

extracurricular opportunities in school, including the school eco-club. The Prime Minister spoke to students about the role of the UK in the COP26 discussions and commended them for their work on this issue. Students looked at home in Downing Street and we look forward to the day that one of our former students is back as Prime Minister themselves!

Dialling into COP26

Well done to our students who worked with Magic Me and participated in an intergenerational project to raise awareness about climate change. In November, students dialled into the COP26 conference to share their views and ideas with world leaders. We are very proud of them.



‘Why not me?’ Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP poses powerful question to students

In October, Year 10 students had a chance to meet and listen to Bell Ribeiro-Addy, elected as a Member of Parliament for Streatham in 2019. She spoke to them about her career into politics and getting involved in activism as a student at university. Bell also



spoke about her background and degree in Biomedical Science, a Masters in Medical Law and Ethics and her Graduate Diploma in Law – as well as her experience managing endless questions from her dad about when she was going to get a proper job! Bell spoke powerfully about her experiences as a Black woman in Parliament, the importance of diversity and representation, and the role that everyone has to play in being anti-racist. Bell challenged students to be aspirational and take opportunities asking ‘why not me?’.

A thrilling and fun Enrichment Week

We were thrilled with the enthusiasm and participation from students during Enrichment week, which took place over the October half term break. Over 600 students in Years 9-10 and 12 participated in a fun activity or trip, from kayaking and high ropes at Shadwell Basin, to watching a 3D film about Antarctica at the Science Museum. Visiting the zoo, having lunch out together and/or participating in Debate Mate, was also amongst a range of other activities.



Mulberry staff shortlisted for award



On Wednesday 22 September, Mulberry was invited to celebrate the Asian Women of Achievement Award, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane. The event was hosted by Pinky Lilani, founder of the Asian Women of Achievement Awards and a friend of Mulberry School for Girls.

A selected number of staff and students attended the event and enjoyed the evening listening to talks from inspirational women and networking with professionals from all walks of life. Ms Khan, our Parent Liaison Officer, was amongst the shortlisted candidate's for the Social and Humanitarian Award as a recognition of the work she carries out with our Mulberry families and community.



Students discuss policy with Rushanara Ali MP

In November, Sixth Form students had the privilege of meeting Rushanara Ali, our local MP.

She described her work as an MP and the areas of policy in which she is particularly interested. This gave Sixth Form students a fascinating insight into the world of Westminster and how policy decisions are made.



Students pitch into marketing master class

Year 10 Enterprise and Marketing students took part in a market research masterclass with Ipsos MORI at their head office in Tower Hill. The students applied the real life skills and knowledge learnt in the class as they studied towards their Cambridge National qualification. The students worked in teams to produce pitches on repositioning a porridge brand and advising a council how to research residents' views on the use of green spaces. The staff from Ipsos MORI were really impressed with the students' understanding of market research methods and their creative solutions.

Javier Calvar (Head of Market Strategy & Understanding) fed back to one group: **"Wow, what an amazing pitch! Very professional and insightful. You really need to work for us one day!"**

The students came away with a deeper understanding of how market research really works and are already planning careers at Ipsos MORI in the future.



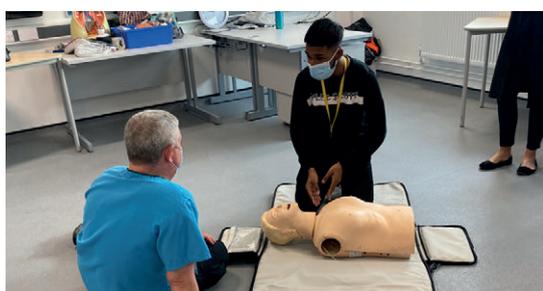
Science measures up in the park

Year 12 Applied Science students collected water and soil samples from Victoria Park recently, to measure pollution levels in the local area. Students came up with their own investigation, risk assessment and method. Students decided to investigate pollution levels at three different sites in the park. The Science department has data from previous years to see if there have been any changes. Students plan to use their findings to complete further analysis.



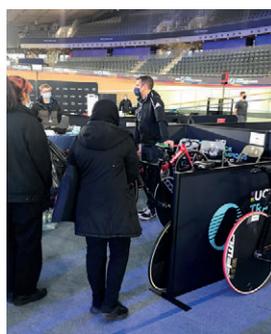
HSC clinical skills

Year 12 Level 3 Health and Social Care students took part in a Barts Health NHS Trust clinical skills day. During the event, students developed clinical skills used within the health sector including performing CPR, measuring blood pressure, understanding the importance of hand washing to prevent infection spread and strategies on how to remove communication barriers. Barts supported our students and helped them to explore different professions within the health sector.



Velodrome tour for lucky students

On Saturday 4 December, students from Mulberry UTC were lucky enough to be invited on a tour of the Velodrome by Amazon and Discovery Sports. This was an incredible opportunity for our students, who were shown around by the UCI Track Champions League Manager. They gained detailed insight into the way in which the event is filmed and broadcast around the world, including an enormous satellite dish and a broadcast truck costing over £10 million. Students were given a special UCI Champion's league pass as a memento of the day and a cycling shirt signed by members of the UK cycling team.



Half Moon Theatre: Careers in Theatre Day

In November, Year 10 students from Mulberry UTC were excited to take part in a day of practical theatre workshops at Half Moon Theatre.

Students loved learning about the different aspects of professional theatre making alongside students from other schools. They were introduced to a script in the morning and worked collaboratively to produce a fully staged production at the end of the afternoon. It was wonderful to see students' creativity and to



watch them work in groups in such a mature and responsible way. UTC students took on key roles including marketing, design and stage management. All students involved demonstrated excellent communication and teamwork skills. Elis (pictured, centre) was in the acting team with a group of 15 students from other schools and successfully took on a leading role in the final performance.

'Futures Fortnight' shines spotlight on careers

Mulberry UTC's 'Futures Fortnight' event programme was launched with a fantastic motivational talk delivered by James Ohene-Djan from Goldsmiths, University of London.

Year 11, 12 and 13 students were inspired when they heard about James' unconventional route to university and beyond.

'Futures Fortnight' ensures that all students are allocated time to focus on their future careers and aspirations. Tutor sessions have included discussions about challenging gender stereotyping in careers and a range of activities to allow students to link their current skills to possible future careers. Some Year 11 students have had one-to-one careers interviews with Debbie Baker from LBTH Young Workpath. Year 13 have been busy finalising their personal statements for their UCAS applications, with the support of their brilliant mentors.

Students build own TV studio

During October, our Digital Media students took part in an exciting, hands on practical workshop with Rise Up Academy, an outreach programme delivering broadcast engineering and technical workshops to primary and secondary school children aged 9 through to 18 years old. The aim of the workshop was to inspire, educate and inform students about TV, broadcasting,

technology and to demonstrate that these types of careers can be exceptionally rewarding and, more importantly, that students could do these jobs (and earn money from them!). Supported by industry volunteers, including Sky and BBC Sport, students built a studio from scratch and practiced taking on all the different roles in a TV studio, including sound technician, communications manager and director.



"The overall experience was very educational and a great eye-opener that showed all of the work that goes into great TV. It also helped me have a clearer idea on the paths I want to go down working in the TV and film industry."

Chloe Bruce, Year 11



Student recruitment update

Mulberry UTC was delighted to meet over 200 students from more than fifteen schools at our Open Evening in October. This was our first large in-person event in two years - it was wonderful to have the chance to showcase the fantastic facilities at the UTC once again. Students were able to take part in activities organised by our own staff, as well as our employer partners. We hope that all the attendees will be able to join us next year.



Students dine with the WCCSA

In September, four of our students from last year's Sheriff's Challenge Debate Team were invited to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Livery Dinner hosted by the Master of the Livery and one of our Governors, Edward Nicholl.



Held at the prestigious Plaisterers' Hall in the City of London, our students, along with Head of Year 13, Ms Wills, attended the ceremony. They were able to meet many of the Livery Company members and witness many of the important traditions that take place at such events.

Two Year 12 students and Mr Matsangos also had the privilege of going to the Installation Dinner

at the invitation of Mr Nicholl, in October. The students had an amazing evening and really enjoyed meeting other guests at the event. Many thanks to Mr Nicholl's for inviting them - it was the highlight of their term!

House trip to the Lake District

On Friday 10 September, 36 students from Year 8 and Year 9 enjoyed a brilliant week of adventure in the Lake District with the Outward Bound Trust.

Under sunny blue skies, students tried a host of exciting activities, including gorge walking, waterfall climbing, rowing, canoeing, cliff jumping, orienteering and fire-making. The highlight of the trip was an overnight expedition, which saw students then row/canoe their way along the lake and hike up mountains to spend a night outdoors. In between the sunsets and shooting stars, students were developing the school's character values: respect, ambition, communication, curiosity and



resilience. Although the activities were designed to challenge students, everyone did brilliantly and showed real determination and courage. We very much hope to be back again next year.

Local primary schools enjoy creative lessons

Here at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, we really enjoy having Year 6 pupils from local primary schools visit us.

Children from Lawdale School and Virginia Primary School have been attending classes each week in Design Technology, Art, Food Technology, STEM and sports. The classes provide them with the opportunity to develop new skills, express their creativity and to get a taste of what to expect when they transfer from primary to secondary school.



First inter-schools badminton and tennis tournament

On Thursday 21 October, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch hosted the first Mulberry Schools Trust inter-school sports event.

Students from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch warmly greeted their peers from Mulberry Stepney Green, Mulberry UTC and Mulberry School for Girls, to compete at badminton and tennis in Years 7 and 10. It was a really joyous occasion with lots of fun, food, support, music and good humour. Our fantastic Samba drummers and the cheering audience really lifted the energy and atmosphere and it was a great opportunity for all the Trust schools to get together and enjoy the first of our inter-school sporting events. Thanks to all competitors and to staff, especially Mr Collis, Ms Pitts (PE) and Mr McCabe for all of the organisation and for leading the event.



Year 7 enjoy the great outdoors

Our Year 7 students have enjoyed lots of opportunities for outdoor adventure since joining us in September.

Groups of Year 7 students have participated in 3-week courses at the Urban Base climbing centre in Mile End. They learnt how to climb and worked towards their NICAS Level 1 certificate. They were able to develop news skills, such as learning to tie different knots and working as a team. They really enjoyed the sessions and demonstrated real courage and determination.



In October, Year 7 students spent an exciting and very muddy weekend at Hindleap Warren in Ashdown Forest, East Sussex. They had a great time climbing, trekking, building fires and other adventurous activities. The residential trip was a chance for students to bond as a new year group and the memories they made will be lasting.



Our runners in Year 7 have shown real stamina and resilience out on the trails this term during their sessions with TrailFam, a trail running club for young people. Students from across the school take the school minibus to the Essex countryside each week with Mr Stokes and develop their physical fitness whilst enjoying running in the woodlands, surrounded by nature and wildlife.

Year 7 can look forward to more outdoor adventures over the coming year, including sailing, skiing, swimming and kayaking giving them the chance to explore and develop new skills as well as spend time outside.

Bangladesh Deputy Minister of Education visits Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

On Monday 6 December, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch welcomed the Bangladesh Deputy Minister of Education, Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury

and a team of people from the Ministry of Education. The visitors met the Executive Principal Ms Holden and Senior Deputies, Ms Montgomerie and Mr Collis.

They also met with Mr Rakshi to discuss Teaching and Learning and with Mr Law to discuss Examinations in the UK. They then embarked on a tour of the school and observed some lessons. We would like to thank Mr Ali for arranging the visit and for his help on the day.



Drop Down Days

Tuesday 19 October was the first Drop Down Day of the year.

Year 7 looked at aspirations and careers and completed a workshop on anti-bullying. They completed a STEM activity, working on their team building skills to create towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti. They finished the day with a rewards assembly where student Isabella Wint (7D) played the piano to welcome Year 7 to their assembly.

Years 8 and 9 both participated in a carousel style Drop Down Day, attending six sessions throughout the day focusing on Healthy Active Lifestyles. They took part in a variety of activities and enjoyed a session of mindfulness and Yoga.

Year 10 focused on reflecting on their GCSE and BTEC courses, looking at strategies to support their organisation and setting achievable targets. They also enjoyed a variety of activities including cooking, trampolining, football, painting and TrailFam.

Year 11 took part in their second maximising success session, where they further explored strategies that will support them with their revision in the upcoming months. They then applied their revision techniques to core subjects.

Year 12 engaged with PSHE topics focusing on supporting them to make informed decisions with regards to both personal safety and well-being, and Year 13 had an incredibly productive day focusing on exciting destinations.



Our very own Deputy Young Mayor

We are delighted to announce that Sixth Form student Mohsen Ali has been elected Deputy Young Mayor for Tower Hamlets.



Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the election was hotly contested with 35 candidates entering the race. Following a rigorous shortlisting process, which included speeches, debating, project planning and interviews, the candidates were whittled down to 14.

There are 17,733 young people aged 11 to 17-years-old (Years 7 to 13) who live, study or work in Tower Hamlets, who were eligible to vote. Digital voting was introduced as part of a new process, which saw every education setting in Tower Hamlets taking part.

Mohsen joins a team of six young people in which he will occupy the role of Deputy Young Mayor for two years. In his role, he will be the voice of young people in the borough and will work closely with other local young people and services to understand their issues and raise concerns by:

1. representing young people locally and nationally,
2. getting involved in the Tower Hamlets Youth Council and other local youth forums,
3. attending events and organising special projects; and,
4. influencing and steering strategic decisions that affect young people in the borough.

We wish Mohsen all the very best in his new role and have full faith and confidence that he will carry out his duties with dedication and integrity.

Mulberry Stepney Green take a stance to end male violence against women

On Thursday 25 November, the school launched White Ribbon Day 2021 to show its support for the global movement to end male violence against women. Teachers and Prefects organised a fundraiser and the week was full of exciting fundraising activities, including a bake sale and a penalty shoot out, raising £232. Assemblies were delivered by the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Prefects and the Head Boy to raise awareness of this important issue.



Year 12 enjoy virtual work experience placements

Year 12 took part in a different type of work experience in the final week of November. The Virtual Work Experience is an online work experience placement programme offered by employers to give students and young people the opportunity to experience the world of work remotely, without the need to travel to the employer's office or base.

The programme focused on three key industry sectors: 1. Law, Business and Finance, 2. Tech and IT and 3. Architecture, Construction and Engineering. The virtual sessions consisted of online activities, live sessions with professionals and project work.

Our students were able to experience the world of work and developed an understanding of real-life tasks, which they completed both individually and as a team. They received a unique insight into essential skills and the importance of team work and collaboration.

Every student that took part performed exceptionally well and the positive feedback received from professionals further underlined how talented and exceptional our students are at Mulberry Stepney Green Sixth Form.



Mulberry STEM Academy launch

The Mulberry STEM Academy was launched at Mulberry Stepney Green and we are thrilled to be part of this fantastic opportunity for our students. The STEM provision was promoted during our Year 10 and 12 assemblies, with invitations to join the new 2021-22 cohort. Our students were quick to apply for a chance to join this exclusive and amazing programme. A huge thank you to Dr Mundy for taking the time to present the successes of the Mulberry STEM Academy and for sharing the application process.

Our Jack Petchey 2021/2022 winners

Hafizur Rahman 7K – Received the most nominations in the year group from staff and students, who noticed how much effort Hafizur has been putting in. As a result, he has made great progress in a short amount of time.

Mohammed Shahinur Rahman 8K – Received the most nominations in the year group from staff and students, who said how Mohammed is a smart and talented individual with excellent manners, is very articulate and remains calm under pressure. He supports his fellow students with both class and homework. He has been referred to as a role model a number of times by his peers.

Rupok Dhali 9T – Kind, polite, friendly and helping recent arrivals to settle in school. A focused student, who is very passionate and polite to both staff and peers. Rupok really goes out of his way to support new students who have recently come to the UK, making the transition for them less daunting and more enjoyable.

Afzal Rahman – pleasant and friendly student, who is engaged with his studies. His geography teachers, in particular, are very impressed with how engaged he is in lessons. Afzal takes part and supports other students and always



brings up discussion points from what he has learnt by himself.

Abdul Rajjak Sabbir 10H – For being conscientious with his work, organised and a role model for his peers. He is also a very polite and well-mannered student.

Ibrahim Kalam 11M – Brilliant student who has made excellent progress and on course to achieve some of the highest grades for his GCSE. Ibrahim has really improved over the last two years which has been more of a challenge due to the lockdowns. The main words used to describe him by his peers are determined, respectful, motivated and hard working.

Mohammed Abdul Basit 12M – Nominated by his peers for being helpful, coping with adversity, doing community work, especially during the lockdown. The most

common word used to describe Mohammed by his peers was “role model”.

Tasnim Omar Nasif 13M – Always has his head buried in books and he loves to read. Students and all staff know how much he loves to read books. Over the years, Tasnim has grown into a young confident man, who his peers and teachers adore. He is one of the politest and friendliest students you will come across and his transformation over the years has been noticed by everyone. He is on course to achieve excellent grades with his A levels. When faced with challenges, he never gives up and everyone is extremely proud of him.

School Staff Leader Award

Samiul Hussain

Sixth Form Staff Leader Award

Abdul Rakib

Tall Ships STEM Voyage

As we welcome the return of our second Tall Ships STEM Voyage, we are starting to look forward to the next stage of this incredible partnership. The second voyage saw 10 of our Year 10 students completing a five day STEM focused voyage in the English Channel in very challenging and exhilarating sailing conditions. For the next stage, all 20 young sailors will be attending a one-day sailing event at the West reservoir in Hackney. This will bring together the STEM work that has been completed so far and set the scene for the future of the project.



Sports round-up

In other events, we have seen the relaunch of the Tower Hamlets Sporting competitions. The first was the Cross country which saw Mulberry Stepney Green coming a very close second overall, but winning the Year 11 competition.

In addition, our girls attended the Girls Basketball competition at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park. This was a great experience for our Year 7 and 8 girls who competed in the Key stage 3 competition and excellent preparation for next year. We also welcome the support of the Tower Hamlets Sports Foundation, who will be providing additional Basketball coaching for our girls starting in November.

We look forward to more success and more competitive opportunities as we enter the Year 7 and 8 Boys Tower Hamlets Indoor Cricket competition, East London Rowing finals and we start the Indoor Athletics season. Well done to all young people, who are participating in additional physical activity to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

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