

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Hope you are well and keeping safe! This week was our House Bake Sale to raise money for charity and the start of our foodbank donations. Thank you Ms Bartlett, Mr Stokes, Ms Milton, Mr Webb, Mr Calderon and Ms James for organising everything!

Consent Forms for Mass Testing on Thursday 6th January

If you would like your child to take part in mass testing on Thursday 6th January, please complete the relevant form below. **For more information on mass testing please [CLICK HERE](#)**

To enable the school to carry out the testing process with your child your consent is needed, unless your child is over 16 and they have discussed it with you.

Tests cannot be administered to any student that:

- Has not provided their written consent.
- Does not give their consent.
- Has given their consent but changes their mind

If you would like your child to be tested, you MUST give consent by completing the form, even if you have completed the form before.

Please click the relevant letter below to download the consent form:

[CLICK HERE to complete this form if your child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11](#)

[CLICK HERE to complete this if your child is in the Sixth Form – Year 12 or 13](#)

When you click on the link, please click **SAVE AS** and save your form as Consent Form and then add your child's name and form group. **For example CONSENT FORM CASSANDRA PITTS 8A.**

Once the form is completed, please save and then send the consent form to: consent@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org by Thursday 16th December 2021

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Masks

From Tuesday 30th November 2021 **ALL** students and staff must wear masks in all fluid/ communal areas of the school. Students can wear masks if they wish to in the classroom or in outdoor areas, such as the playground. Please can you ensure your child comes to school with their own mask.

After School Clubs

In the period of the 10 days leading up to the Christmas Break, clubs and interventions are to finish at 4pm to allow students and staff to get home safely during the rush hour.

Term Dates

With 1 week to go until the end of term, here is a reminder of our Term Dates for the Christmas Break:

The Autumn Term ends on **Friday 17th December 2021**.

The school is **closed** to students on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

All Students will **return** to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Lateral Flow Tests

Tests should be taken on Mondays and Thursdays and all results – **negative, positive or void** are to be registered on the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please see attached link of how to use the Lateral Flow Devices given out if you are unsure: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ShFizJtaT8>

If your child tests positive, please register this on the Government website and then let the school know as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive test result.

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.

When to Isolate?

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of Covid 19, even if they are mild:

- You have a high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell and taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- You have tested positive for Covid 19 – this means you have the virus
- Someone who you live with has tested positive for Covid 19 and you are not double vaccinated.
- You have been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive

*If you are double vaccinated and the person you live with has tested positive for the Omnicron variant, you will have to self-isolate for 10 days regardless of your vaccination status. You will be instructed by the Government if this is the case.

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of Covid 19 or has tested positive for Covid 19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means that 14 days have passed since your final dose of a Covid 19 vaccine given by the NHS
- Your child is under 18 years and 6 months old
- You're taking part of have taken part in a Covid 19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Please check the NHS website for all regulations in relation to Covid 19 isolation -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal

News this week from the Executive Principal



Deputy Minister of Education of Bangladesh visits MAS

On Monday 6th 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 and also with Mr Rakshi to discuss Teaching and Learning and then Mr Law to discuss Examinations in the UK. They then had a tour of the school and also observed some lessons. We would like to thank Mr Ali for arranging for the visit.



Scholarship Awards - Year 12

On Wednesday morning we had our celebration Year 12 students who have been awarded their £500 and £250 Scholarship awards. It was a joyous occasion and the Year 12 students were thrilled! Some are students who have joined our school in Year 12, and some were students who have been with us from Year 7. Thanks to Mr Singh, Mt Matsangos, Ms Scales and Ms Montgomerie for the work on this with me.

Musical event

On Wednesday evening we had our wonderful Year 7 and 8 Musical event

in the street. Well done to all students who were involved and to all staff and parents who came to watch. It was a lovely hour of talent and showcasing with our lovely choir singing and some solo performances. All polished off with some mince pies and mulled orange.

Thank you Mr Feasey, Ms Miller and Kirstie our singing teacher.

Year 11 and 13 Mock Results Day

Today we have celebrated the excellent Mock results for GCSE A levels and Btecs. Well done to all teachers and to Ms Scales who led on this.

Well done mainly to Year 11 and 13 students who worked hard and made these results a success for themselves.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal



Sixth Form Update

Year 12

Congratulations to Marwan Dahir who has been successful in securing a place on the Aspire scheme at King's College London. Over 160 applications were received for 30 places so Marwan did exceptionally well to be accepted.

Year 13

Despite the many hurdles year 13 have faced as a result of Covid, all of their hard work is paying off as offers from Russell Group Universities and great apprenticeships are flooding in! Students have been working extremely hard to finalise their applications, arriving at school early and leaving late to ensure that they are able to fulfil their aspirations in the next stage of their lives. They have been researching widely to find the right courses and careers for them, they've been drafting and redrafting numerous copies of their personal statements and preparing in depth for their upcoming interviews. We are proud to say that our students have already received offers from

Queen Mary, SOAS, Warwick, Goldsmiths and Manchester Universities to name but a few. Two students have also secured interviews at Cambridge University. We also have students applying for a wide range of exciting apprenticeships, from Early Years Education to Software Engineering. The excitement is palpable as students receive new offers every day.

Year 13's success is testament to their hard work and dedication which was evident in their recent mock exams. Students have made enormous amounts of progress and learned skills which will equip them in the new stage of their lives. They have shown constant motivation throughout a difficult two years which will serve them well in further education or employment.

It is an incredibly exciting time for Year 13 as they choose their pathways and we all wish them the best of luck in their applications.

JustGiving™

The last year has been extremely difficult for our students. As we come out of lockdown and our school begins to return to normal, there is an urgent need to give all our students the opportunity, not just to return to the classroom, but to have fun, to experience a trip somewhere, to feel the freedom of the seaside or a camping trip and to enrich their lives and undo the mental and emotional damage that lockdown will have caused. If you feel passionate about helping us to do this for our young people aged 11-18 - please donate to our JustGiving page - no matter how little or how much - you will make a difference to children's lives and we will acknowledge this. Please visit:

Donate at JustGiving

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mulberry-academy-shoreditch-fundraiser>

Sixth Form Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who won a Sixth Form Scholarship Award on Wednesday 8th December! The quality of the written pieces that they submitted was fantastic. There were interesting essays on different subjects as diverse as The Ethics of Facial Recognition Software, Influential Black Leaders and the Environmental implications of Bitcoin mining. There were awards of £500 and £250 and we look forward to hearing about how they decide to spend the money awarded to enrich their life and learning!



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Meeting Dr Abdulfatteh Abusrour

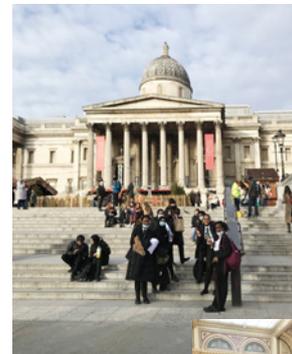
This Thursday, some of our Sixth Form students had the chance to meet Dr Abdulfatteh Abusrour, Founder and General Director of Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society for Children, Youth and Women. We were very privileged to hear his story of growing up in one of the refugee camps in his home country of Palestine. Dr Abdulfatteh shared incredible words of wisdom about hope, faith and being the change we want to see in the world. This inspirational message resonated with

our sixth formers as they begin to step into the next chapter of their lives.



National Gallery Societies trip

English Literature and the Arts Society with UCL



On Thursday 9th December, the English and the Arts Society visited the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. After a quick trip to the Christmas market, we were given a tour around the beautiful gallery and had a chance to discuss our interpretations of the paintings. We talked about: light symbolism; how Lapis blue (mined from Afghanistan) used to be the most expensive colour to paint with because it was made of crushed precious stones; and how portraits can be used as a sort of personal or political propaganda.

Did you know: You own the paintings in the National Gallery! Yes you! But also every other UK citizen, so don't get too excited.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday 15th December 2021

Wear your Christmas jumper and donate £1 to charity

YULE GOT THIS

Your form tutors will have a collection bucket and donation register to collect your **£1** donation this week.

Christmas Jumpers are not compulsory but for less than the price of a bottle of water you can help make a huge difference to somebody's life!

WE WILL ALSO BE GIVING PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

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RUN FOR GOOD RECORD BREAKER

INTELLIGENCE - HONOUR - BRAVERY

CAN GLOBE HOUSE BREAK THE MARATHON WORLD RECORD? (2 HOURS, 1 MINUTE, 18 SECONDS)

AS A COLLECTIVE?

Monday 13th December in the sports hall/MUGA STARTING 11.20am

YES WE CAN! ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO

To find out more or make a donation either scan the QR code or visit www.justgiving.com/runforthe/masglobe-house

Sweet Treats at the House Bake sales

Students running the House Bake Sales were busy this week with customers queuing to buy sweet treats at lunch time. Students are raising money towards enrichment activities and also for the charity First Love Foundation.



Festive Music Sharing

On Wednesday 8th December our choir, samba group and pianists gave a lovely performance in the Street. It was a joy to welcome parents and carers to come and see the hard work and effort students have put in to their music. Staff enjoyed listening too! Here are some photos from the festive event.



Year 9 Food Tech students baked these fabulous Yule Logs in their lesson on Thursday. They look deliciously festive and so well presented!

MAS STATIONERY SHOP

BUY YOUR STATIONERY AT BREAK IN THE STREET EVERY TUESDAY

RED, BLUE OR BLACK PENS	10P
RULER	20P
SMALL RULER	10P
PENCILS (HB OR 2B)	60P
PENCIL CASE	£1
BUNDLE PACK	10P
PENCIL SHARPENER	10P
RUBBER	£1.30
SET OF REVISION CARDS	£1.50
LEVER ARCH FOLDER	

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TERM DATES 2021-2022

Term 1 finishes:

Friday 17th December 2021
 Christmas break: Monday 20th December 2021-Wednesday 5th January 2022

Term two starts:

Tuesday 4th January (inset day)
 Wednesday 5th January (all students)
Half-term: Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022

Term 2 resumes for all students on Monday 21st February

Term 2 finishes: Friday 1st April 2022
 Easter break: Monday 4th April - Tuesday 19th April 2022

Term three starts: Tuesday 19th April 2022 (Inset Day), Wednesday 20th April 2022 (for all students)

Half-term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Term 3 resumes for all students on Monday 6th June

Term three finishes: Friday 22nd July

Social Sciences Society trip

Over the last two weeks the Social Sciences Society have been out and about in our great city! Last week they went to the theatre to see the award-winning production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. The play is about a fifteen-year-old boy who has an extraordinary brain. He is exceptional at maths, while everyday life presents some barriers. When he falls under suspicion for killing his neighbour's dog, it takes him on a journey that upturns his world.



This week the Society visited the Royal Courts of Justice, a beautiful court building in Fleet Street designed by architect George Edmund Street, R.A. and opened in 1882 by Queen Victoria.



Their tour included The Great Hall, an exhibition of legal costumes and lots of history about the Royal Courts of Justice's famous cases and Inquiries.

New Creatives Workshop

On Friday 3rd December 17 Year 7s went to our local Arts centre and enjoyed putting together their own pieces during dance and drama workshops hosted by the 'new Creatives'. Students had so much fun and were fully engaged throughout, I was really impressed by their energy and end results in such a short space of time, what fantastic performers we have in Year 7! We are looking forward to working more with RichMix over the coming months.



Foodbank collection

This week, students and staff have been donating food and toiletries for the local foodbank run by First Love Foundation. House leaders have been calling into tutor

rooms to collect the items and the bags are really piling up in the Street! Thank you for all your donations, they will help those in need in our community this winter.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child loses something, please can they check the admin office? Lost Property will be put out in the Street every Friday

DISCOVER DANCE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Our friendly instructors will nurture your child's creativity through movement. Based in Bow for over 35 years, Chisenhale Dance Space teaches children of all abilities the joy of moving, through contemporary, street dance & improvisation! Progress with us in a playful and encouraging environment, increase confidence, and make new friends.

We offer a limited number of free and subsidised places for local children and families based in Bow postcodes E3 5 and E3 2, thanks to Action for Bow. For more information, please contact: jessica@chisenhaledancespace.co.uk

DANCE AND TECHNIQUE (50 minutes):

Street Dance	Ages 8-12	12:10pm
Creative Contemporary	Ages 8-12	1:00pm

12-week term from £84 / Concession £42

www.chisenhale.dance

chisenhale DANCE SPACE

We are located south of Victoria Park. Nearest tube is Mile End - Central, Hammersmith & City and District lines. Buses - D6, 8, 277, 339, 425

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Alpha United have played fifteen games in their league. The bar chart and pie chart show how many goals they scored in each of their matches.

Can you find the mode and median number of goals scored by Alpha United?

Alpha United

Alpha United

How to get started

Remember that

- Mode = most common number of goals scored per match
- Median = The middle value when the data is in order

Solution

The **mode** is the most common number of goals scored per match. On the bar chart, this will be the tallest bar.

The **median** is the middle value, when the data are in order. The pie charts begin from 0 goals, and the number of goals increases in an anticlockwise direction, so the pie charts show the data in order.

After 180°, the middle value is reached, so the wedge that the 180° line lands in is the median.

Mode number of goals = 3

Median number of goals = 2