

## News this week from the Executive Principal

### House assemblies

This week was House week and I have been in all assemblies enjoying listening to all of the exciting things that are about to happen; pizza parties, Basketball competitions, Spring fair - well done to all of our student and staff leaders making all of this happen. Can't wait!!



### Year 11 Parents' evening

On Monday we had a Year 11 Parents' evening to discuss the outcomes of the Mock Exams that took place just

before the Christmas break. Well done to Year 11 for working hard in lessons and performing well in exams - still lots to do and even more focus needed as we move through the Spring term. Thanks to Mr Collis, Mr Hatton and Ms Morris for their leadership of the Year group.

### Choir

Lovely to see different year groups engaging with Kirsty our Choir teacher this week as things slowly get back to normal again. I love Wednesdays at the school as the whole street and school is filled with piano playing and song.



### Spanish Trip

In September, the Spanish department are organising an amazing trip to Valencia for our students. The trip is heavily subsidised by the school, includes all transport, food and drink and will be filled with fun activities, lots of sunshine and a fantastic chance for students to see the Spanish culture first hand. If your child is interested and wants more information, please ask them to speak to Mr Calderon or Mr Robertshaw. What a fantastic opportunity for the students!

### Notices

1. It is very cold at the moment - all students need to wear a warm coat - preferably of black or dark blue in colour.
2. All students must wear a face covering or mask in communal areas.

Thank you,  
**Mrs Ruth Holden,**  
Executive Principal

## Sixth Form Update

Well done to all our Sixth Form students who had exams this week! BTEC Business, IT and Health & Social Care students have worked incredibly hard to complete their exams and we are very proud of them.

In other news, our London Foodies Enrichment had their first trip to get their first taste of London's wide and exciting food scene.

Ms Sitch and Ms Larkin ventured into Borough Market, with their London Foodies, where they had explored the area and the various food options available to them. Our adventurous group had settled on a sweet treat after lunch, ending their trip with fresh doughnuts and a view of the London skyline. Keep your eyes peeled as the London Foodies tackle new places over the next few weeks!

Congratulations to three of our Year 12 students who have made it through the incredibly competitive process of applying for the K+ program, associated with Kings College London.

A massive well done to: Yusef Azad for Maths and Computer Science, Marwan Dahir for Languages and Literature and Nayeem Haque for Medicine



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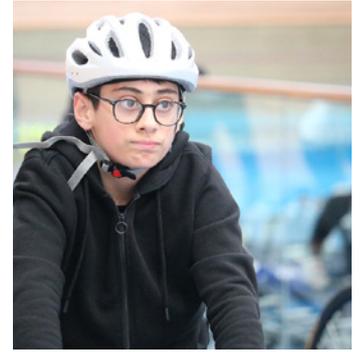
The last year has been extremely difficult for our students. As we come out of lockdown and our school begins to return to normal, there is an urgent need to give all our students the opportunity, not just to return to the classroom, but to have fun, to experience a trip somewhere, to feel the freedom 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 different to children's lives and we will acknowledge this. Please visit:

Donate at JustGiving

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

# Year 7 boys go cycling at the Velodrome

On Monday it was the Year 7 boys turn to cycle around the track of champions at the Lee Valley VeloPark in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They were really excited to have the opportunity to cycle on the same track as so many Olympian medallists at the iconic velodrome. They were really eager to get started and quickly got their shoes clipped to the pedals and onto their bikes. Despite a few falls they got straight back up and sped around the track with impressive confidence and control. It was fantastic to see them having a great time, learning new skills and getting so much from the experience. The VeloPark has a range of sessions and lessons for young people of all ages and levels of experience, including an after-school BMX club and school holiday sessions. See: <https://www.visitleevalley.org.uk/velo-youth> for more details.





# Proud to Be Workshop

On Wednesday, a group of students from Year 7 to Year 9 participated in an inspirational day with the Proud To Be campaign celebrating cultural roots and identity through art, spoken work and music.

They learned a lot about their diverse and multicultural city - how it has been home to people from all over the world since the Romans invaded and that approximately a third of Londoners were born abroad with over 200 languages spoken.

The group were really creative and collaborative, producing some great poetry and enjoying lots of debate and discussion.



# Year 13 Artists

Well done to Year 13 A level Art students who spent two days painting this week to complete their Art controlled assessment!



# GCSE Geography Forest Field Trip

Geography students spent Wednesday in Epping Forest collecting River field work for Unit 3 of their GCSE course. This field trip is a compulsory part of the Geography course.



Mulberry Academy Shoreline

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

# Mysterious

<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify	We heard a mysterious noise outside our tent. But what is this mysterious smoke coming out of the volcano? It is hinted that he made a mysterious visit to the American colonies.
<b>SYNONYMS</b>	<b>ANTONYMS</b>
Puzzling. Strange. Peculiar.	Familiar. Usual. Clear.
<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
Late 16th century; from French <i>mystérieux</i> , from <i>mystère</i> 'mystery'. Noun - mystery	

