

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Hope you are well and keeping safe!

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents/carers involved in the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday.

Masks

The Government guidance on masks has now changed. Students no longer need to wear masks in classrooms or in exams. Masks are still to be worn in all fluid areas of the school and students should continue to bring their own masks to school.

Supporting your child with their future

There are some excellent organisations who offer guidance to parents about how to support your children with taking the next steps in their learning, whether that be seeking **work experience** or preparing for **university** or **apprenticeships**. We advise you to register for email updates for these services so you and your children can benefit.

<https://successatschool.org/> (Subscribe in the top right hand corner)

<https://gtscholars.org/> (Scroll down to the bottom right to subscribe to emails)

<https://pathwayctm.com/> (Scroll down to the bottom of the page to register as a parent or as a student)

<https://fledglink.com/> (Scroll down to the bottom right to subscribe to emails)

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/> (Students can register for Virtual Work Experience)

<https://upskillme.io/> (Students can register for Work Experience and Employer Events)

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/newsletter/> (Subscribe in the top right hand corner for the latest updates on Apprenticeships)

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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 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 take a lateral flow test or PCR 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.

If you test positive on a lateral flow test, you now do not need to have a PCR to confirm your positive result.

You can now end your isolation on Day 6, if you test negative on Day 5 of catching the virus and then test negative on Day 6. If you test positive on Day 5, test every day until you get a negative result on two consecutive days.

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

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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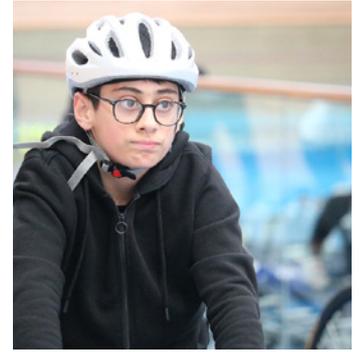
The last year has been extremely difficult for our students. As we come out of lockdown and our school begins to return to normal, there is an urgent need to give all our students the opportunity, not just to return to the classroom, but to have fun, to experience a trip somewhere, to feel the freedom 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 difference 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

DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
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.
SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Puzzling. Strange. Peculiar.	Familiar. Usual. Clear.
CHARACTERISTICS	
Late 16th century: from French <i>mystérieux</i> , from <i>mystère</i> 'mystery'. Noun - mystery	

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Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF MULBERRY ACADEMY SHOREDITCH

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor for the Local Governing Body of Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 2 parent governors and there are currently 2 vacancies.

The Local Governing Body along with the Mulberry Schools Trust Board and with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The Local Governing Body has the following three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher accountable for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills related to finance, HR, project management, education, community relations and premises. Training is available for all governors and the Local Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Monday 7th February 2022**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words and a passport photograph (optional). Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than 2 the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents on **Monday 21st February 2022** together with details of the ballot procedure. Every parent will be able to vote.

We hope that you will think about becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact Cassandra Pitts at CPitts@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Yours sincerely,
Returning Officer

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NOMINATION FORM

Election of Parent Governor

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature of person nominated: _____

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee): _____

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the Articles of Association.

Signature _____

Date _____

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by Monday 7th February 2022

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