

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH
Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Hope you are well and keeping safe!

Targeted Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 1st February 2022

On Tuesday 1st February, we are holding a targeted Parents' Evening for specific Year 11 students. Parents/carers of students involved have been contacted about this.

Half Term Dates

Here is a reminder of the Spring Term Dates:

Half Term is from Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022

Students will finish on **Friday 11th February** and return on **Monday 21st February** at their normal time.

During Half Term, the school will be closed to all students apart from selected students from Year 11 and 13. For these students we will be running a Half Term Catch up School. Information has been sent home to parents regarding this.

Year 9 Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination Boosters

On **Friday 4th March 2022**, Vaccination UK will be administering Year 9 Boosters. Please click on the below link and complete the form, even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccination or your child has received it elsewhere. You can state your reasons for refusal in the box provided.

The deadline to complete this form **Thursday 24th February 2022**.

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2021/towerhamlets>

The Meningitis ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can be fatal in some cases, especially if not diagnosed early. During this school year, children in year 9 will get the vaccine routinely along with the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio).

If you would like more information, please visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx> where you can find information

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about the disease and the vaccine.

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Masks

From Thursday 27th January, face masks are not required by law or any guidance from the Government, but if students and staff choose to wear one then that continues to be fine, and maybe even a good thing.

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)

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

Year 11 Sixth Form Application Event

On Friday we held a lovely event for our Year 11 students which enabled them all to have an interview for our Sixth Form. Every Year 11 student met with a member of staff and discussed their plans for the future and what A Levels and BTEC subjects they would like to study from September. Thank you to Ms Montgomerie and Ms Mahgareta for organising and to the staff who took part.



Staff Wellbeing Week

I wanted to say a big thank you to Ms Kainth, Ms Miller and Ms Mahoney for organising Staff Wellbeing Week.

Holocaust Memorial Day

It is at this time of year that we remember all victims of Genocide and Hate Crime and hold all victims in our thoughts. As a school we stand against prejudice and hatred of any description, and we remember those from the past and present who are victims of this. Schools should be a place where we educate tolerance and respect for every human life and we will continue to do so at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch.



It's been lovely and the staff have really enjoyed the extended breakfast, massages, chair yoga and the smoothie bike! What a treat for January!

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work!



A message from the Good Shepherd Mission

Jenny Bollans from the Good Shepherd Mission sent this message following our delivery of your donations to our local Foodbank: "Please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution to fighting food poverty in Whitechapel/Bethnal area. We run a Food Bank every Monday for the families in our local community. We have seen an increase in need since the furlough scheme ended".

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal

Sixth Form Update

It has been another fantastic week for our Sixth Form students with academic success and exciting enrichment!

Destinations

Year 13 students have worked incredibly hard to finish their UCAS statements and we are very proud of students who have already received offers from universities across the UK. Students are heading to exciting destinations such as Sussex, Manchester and Warwick, as well as all the brilliant universities London has to offer. We are also excited to welcome ASK apprenticeships in on Thursday to work with students who are applying this year and help them build their CVs and employability skills. Students are applying to a vast array of apprenticeships, from Network Rail to Early Years Education - we wish them the best of luck!

Teaching and Learning

Interventions for year 13 are in full swing after school and on Saturdays. Students are working incredibly well in small groups with their subject teachers. Students are working really hard in the lead up to their exams and lessons are focussed and purposeful across the board.

Year 12 are engaging brilliantly with remote learning and we are looking forward to seeing them back in school.

Congratulations to our year 13 IT BTEC students who have successfully completed their exams and to Year 12 Health and Social Care for their success in their exam.

Enrichment

As always, students have loved taking part in a wide array of activities; climbing, trampolining and Model UN to name but a few.

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>

Skiing with Year 7

Thursday was the last of three skiing sessions for this group of Year 7s. They have all progressed really well and are now able to Snowplough stop and control their speed on the slope. Some students learned how to start turning on their skis. Well done to them all for being brave and learning lots of new skills on the ski slope at Brentwood!

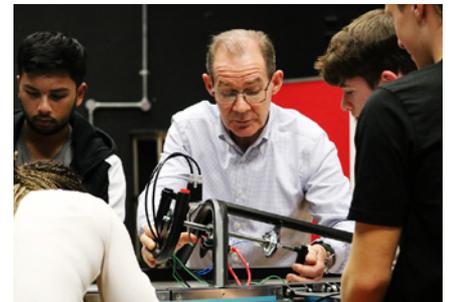


Getting ready for Goodwood



The new Year 12 STEM Academy scholars have wasted no time getting immersed in the exciting project to improve the Greenpower car ready for racing in the heats and hopefully the final at Goodwood later in the year.

With expert guidance from Peter Hodgkinson from Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd., they began to dismantle the cars, carefully logging each part, ready for the rebuild.



This week our sixth form chemists have been honing their lab skills synthesising Aspirin. The next set is purification.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Attribute

DEFINITION
A quality or feature, especially one that is considered to be good or useful.

EXAMPLE
Kindness is just one of his many attributes.
She possesses the essential attributes of a world class footballer.

SYNONYMS
Feature
Characteristic

ANTONYMS
Flaw
Defect

CHARACTERISTICS
The word 'attribute' is also a verb and means to explain something as being the result of something else. In this sense of the word, attribute is usually followed by the word 'to'.
For example, She attributed his bad temper to his ill health and old age.

COMPETITION

Years 7-9 only

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO? **MEMORISE π**

HOW DO I WIN? YOU HAVE TO MEMORISE TO THE MOST DECIMAL PLACES.

WHAT WILL I WIN? THERE WILL BE RUNNER UP PRIZES AND A GRAND PRIZE OF £50 AMAZON VOUCHER.

WHEN IS THE COMPETITION? **π**

PI DAY OF COURSE!
14TH MARCH 3.14
IN THE LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIME

HOW DO I ENTER? GIVE YOUR NAME TO MS FLOOD BEFORE WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH.

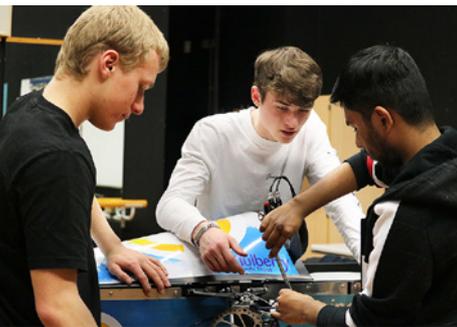
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An exciting launch for STEM Academy 2022

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX



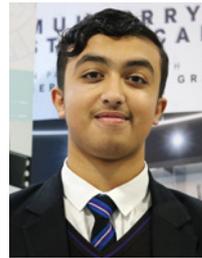
Introducing our new cohort of **Year 10 STEM scholars** who were awarded the coveted places following a rigorous interview process. Their applications and presentations were inspiring and we look forward to seeing them thrive and enjoy the coming months of the STEM Academy course.



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Anisa Akunjee



Mohammed Habibul Hoque



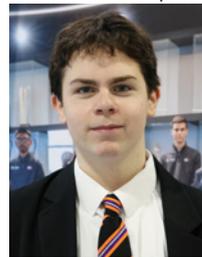
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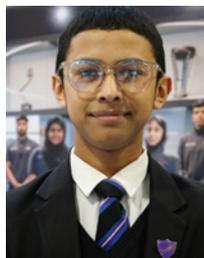
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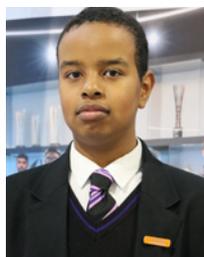
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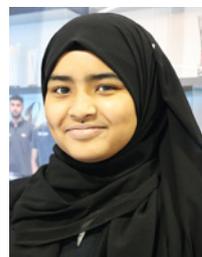
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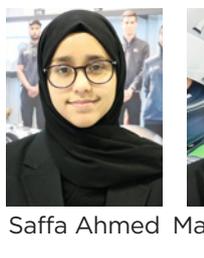
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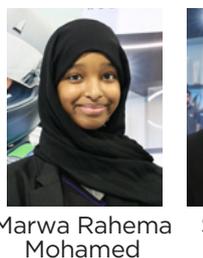
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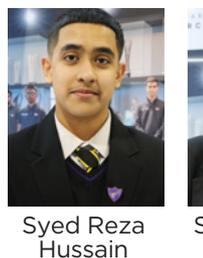
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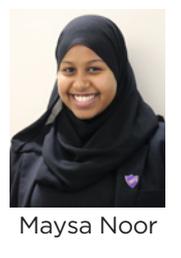
Marwa Rahema Mohamed Adam-Nugal



Syed Reza Hussain



Salma Abokor



Maysa Noor

Year 13 Sport

As part of their Sports course Y13 Sports students have started to develop their leadership skills, delivering sessions to some Y7 students.

The Y7's thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and can't wait for the next session.



Musical notes

A huge well done to Jacob Milne (Year 7), who has passed his grade 1 drum kit exam and is now pursuing grades in the guitar at MAS.

Well done to Mabel Barber (Year 8) who has prepared one of her piano pieces, 'Allegro in G' for her grade 2 exam.

Our musicians and choir singers have started practising for the next music sharing event which will be taking place on the 23rd March!



Well done to Zaqwan Hasan Choudhury, Mas'ud Omar Mohamed Sharif, Muhammad Adeel Zeeshan Islam, Mazin Bushara, Amina Begum and Abid Alam Joy in Y11, who have all submitted their applications this week in order for a change to receive an engineering scholarship with Arkwright throughout their A-Level studies. We are hoping that they will be successful and proceed to the next round of the application stage next week!

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TAKE PART IN THE MAS READATHON

- Read as many books as you can from the set list
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quizzes online
- Earn House Points and win a book voucher!
- Ask Ms Lynch for the book list to get started
- The deadline to hand-in completed sheets is 28 March

Books shown: *Once*, *Roald Dahl*, *Clean Getaway*, *Wink*, *Skellig*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Moop-uh-Nissa Inayat Khan*

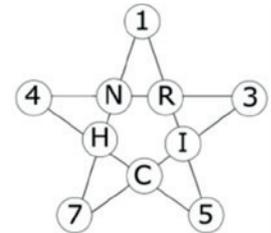
MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

In the star shown here the sum of the four numbers in any "line" is the same for each of the five "lines".

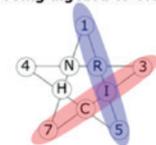
The five missing numbers are 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Which number is represented by R?



Using algebra to compare the letters

Answer: 13



$$I + R + 6 = I + C + 10$$

$$\therefore R + 6 = C + 10$$

$$\therefore R \text{ is 4 more than } C$$

But that is only possible if $R = 13$ (and $C = 9$)

TERM DATES 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

We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors.

If you are interested in the role please email Cassie Pitts - Cpitts@mulberryschoolstrust.org for further information and application forms. The deadline for nominations are Monday 7th February

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

If you want to research this career further, log in to www.startprofile.com

Dental Therapist

National Careers Service

£ £24,214-£37,267

39-41 Hours per week on average

You'll need a degree or diploma in dental therapy approved by the General Dental Council. You'll also need relevant work experience shadowing a dental therapist or hygienist.

You could work towards this role by starting with an advanced apprenticeship as a dental nurse.

- You'll usually need: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship
- 2 or 3 A levels, including a biological science for a degree

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