

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Hope you are keeping safe and well. On Tuesday this week we welcomed external students to our sixth form interviews – the event was brilliant, thank you to all staff involved!

Also, Congratulations to our Year 12 STEM students who competed in and won the first ever Mulberry Schools Trust STEM Virtual racing competition.

### **Bank Holiday Monday and Eid Al-Fitr**

On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will be closed to all students and staff as it is a Public Bank Holiday.

On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** the school will follow other schools in the Trust and **will be be closed** for students and staff to celebrate Eid.

**Students will return at their normal time on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

### **Invigilators**

We are in need of Exam Invigilators at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. Invigilators cannot be related to staff or students – if you know anyone that would be interested in this role, please contact Reception -

[reception@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:reception@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)

### **Year 12 Parent Meetings**

All Year 12 parents/carers have been sent a letter inviting them in to meet with the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team. You will have been allocated specific date and time to attend along with your child. This is to discuss commitment to the Sixth Form, punctuality and attendance, progress and how to improve. If you have not received a letter or are unsure about your appointment time and date please contact reception –

[reception@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:reception@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)

### **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding Year 9 Parents' Evening at the school. More information on this will follow in the coming weeks. Parents' will be contacted separately with timings for the evening.

### **Whole School Standards**

This is just a reminder for parents, carers and students that students are expected to be of a smart and sensible appearance. Blazers must be worn and coats must be removed on entering the building and uniform should be worn appropriately i.e. shirts must be tucked in and collard buttoned with ties at an acceptable length.

Jewellery is not to be worn, except for a single/pair of small gold or silver stud earrings and a watch. No other form of body piercing is allowed.

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No makeup may be worn and nail varnish, acrylic and false nails are not permitted.

We do not allow students to wear trainers, hoodies and sportswear outside of PE lessons.

**Any students with inappropriate uniform will be placed in the IEU or sent home to change. If you have any uncertainty about acceptable uniform or appearance, please contact the school for guidance.**

**Positive Covid Test Results and symptoms**

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the Government has updated their guidance on testing positive for Covid 19.

**Updated guidance advises:**

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days

If your child is going to be absent from school due to feeling unwell, please report this as usual by calling reception or emailing [parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)

**Please state your child's name and form group so that we may mark them as absent.**

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden  
Executive Principal

## News this week from the Executive Principal

### Year 11 and 13 Public Examinations begin

Good luck to all of our lovely Year 11 and Year 13 students who have now entered the public Examinations season. This week was Drama and Modern Foreign Languages Speaking lessons for GCSE and some Btec modulars for Year 13 students.



Christchurch Primary School

### Primary school visits

It has been fantastic to see so many different Primary schools coming in to the school to do Art and Design. For the first time St John's Primary school came in to do some lovely Art work with Year 3 students!



### Greenpower

Well done to our Year 12 STEM students who competed in and won the first ever Mulberry Schools Trust STEM Virtual racing competition.

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

## Sixth Form Update

### Year 12 research 'How to get into University'

All of Year 12 are currently involved in a series of tutorials, presentations, talks and discussions about how best they can research and apply to University. Majority of the activities have been delivered during Year 12 Form Time. The focus has currently been on:

- Going to University'
- Introduction to UCAS'
- Different types of courses'

The next sessions will be themed around

- How to choose a course'
- How to choose a university'
- Course and University options'

Year 12 students will be writing their Personal Statements this term and applying through the University and Colleges Admissions Services (UCAS) platform.

### New to Mulberry

It was great to meet so many 'new to Mulberry' students who came in for their interviews this week. We look forward to welcoming them to our Sixth Form in September.



### London Foodies

This week Ms Larkin and Ms Rahman took a new group of very eager Sixth Form students to Dark Sugars on Brick Lane. Students received individual chocolate boxes with a variety of interesting flavours. Those observing Ramadan were able to take their boxes away and share with family that evening.



## 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>

# Year 7 go out on the water

On Thursday 28th April a group of Year 7 students had their first of two kayaking lessons at Laburnum Boat Club. It was an exciting experience and it was great to see how quickly they became confident in the water as well as their excellent team work! Despite some being apprehensive at first they all overcame their worries and had a go!



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Controversy** Noun

**DEFINITION**  
An argument about something that involves many people and continues for a period of time.

**EXAMPLE**  
The Prime Minister resigned last week after months of controversy.  
The referee made a controversial decision to disallow what looked like a perfectly good goal.

**SYNONYMS**  
Disagreement. Dispute. Argument.

**ANTONYMS**  
Agreement. Concurrence. Harmony.

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
From the Latin words 'contro or contra' which mean against and 'versus' which means to turn. The adjective is 'controversial'.

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## HOMework CLUB

every Tuesday and Thursday

with Mr Mohamed & Mr Sabrati  
with Ms Uddin & Ms Penman

after school  
**3.30-4.15pm**

Meet in the LRC (library and computer area)  
Homework club is for all students in years 7,8 and 9

Please see Ms Lynch for more info

# ART & CRAFT CLUB

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
**15.30-16.30**  
ROOM 405

come and create

see Ms King or Ms Kilmanite for more info

all year groups are welcome

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# Civil Liberties in focus

On Tuesday 26th April, Ms Tarannum's Year 9 English class took part in their first of six 'Legal Experts in Schools' session organised by Young Citizens, an organisation working towards empowering young people to take part in society today. The class worked with six lawyers from Credit Agricole, a French bank, through a series of activities based around civil liberties. It was truly a stimulating experience for our pupils, who had many interesting discussions throughout the session.



# Science club

In Year 7 Science Club on Wednesday students started a STEM project which will see them building and experimenting with cars over the next few weeks. They will be exploring different kinds of energy to power them using resources supplied by the Royal Academy of Engineering.



# MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX

Mulberry STEM Academy students are getting ready for the upcoming Greenpower season - making sure the cars have the best chance of winning the first race! Thank you to Peter and Darren from Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix for their help and advice!



On Wednesday Mulberry Stepney Green hosted a virtual racing competition with 4 races (2 team and 2 individual races). Despite having 20 second penalties MAS were the winners with 13 points. Well done to all involved!



## SPORTS CLUBS

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<b>MONDAY</b> AFTER SCHOOL 3.40-4.30pm	Basketball. Year 7 Football Trampolining - all years	
<b>TUESDAY</b> AFTER SCHOOL 3.40-4.30pm	Badminton - all years Year 10 Football	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> AFTER SCHOOL 3.40-4.30pm	Year 9 Football Netball - all years 7/8 Fitness in the Gym	
<b>THURSDAY</b> AFTER SCHOOL 3.40-4.30pm	Year 8 Football D of E - pupils that signed up only Year 9/10 Fitness in the Gym	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> 7.40-8.35am Year 11 Football	<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 3.40-4.30pm Dance - All years

## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PAINTING COMPETITION

MAKE AN ARTWORK TO CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE  
USE ANY MATERIAL YOU LIKE

**CREATIVE** You can come along to the art department (Room 405) on Friday lunchtimes to collect materials or use the art room

**PRIZE: ART SHOP VOUCHER**  
Prize for Years 7-9 for Years 10-13

**DEADLINE THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022**

Please bring your art work to room 405  
See Ms King for more details

# Debate Mate Cup

On Wednesday 20th April, six Year 7 pupils from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch attended Debate Mate's Debate Mate Cup at Goldsmith's University. Our pupils participated in three debates focusing on artificial intelligence, music and crime, and the political opinions of our sports heroes. It was so lovely watching a crowd of young people so eager to ask questions, debate, and support one another so well. Our pupils made us incredibly proud, especially because we were the only school at the tournament made up entirely of Year 7s! It was even more impressive considering we won our last debate against a group of Year 9 and 10 pupils from another school. Truly a fantastic day for Mulberry Academy Shoreditch.



# Transform UK

Talha Khan, Mohamed Hamid, Bailey Clark, Ramatia Malekzadeh and Omer El Hallil were part of a small year 10 group I took to Transform UK. They spent 3 Thursday mornings with Kennedy and Paris writing lyrics about something that is



important to them and then they put those lyrics to a piece of music. The lyrics they put together were about racism, relationships, knife crime and life. Listen here:

<http://www.mulberryacademysshoreditch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Transform-song.mov>

# Inspiring visit to the Royal Society of Medicine

**Last Friday, Ms Larkin and Ms Sitch took 10 aspiring medical students to the Royal Society of Medicine in the West End of London.**

Professor Roger Kirby, President of the Royal Society of Medicine and one of the countries top prostate surgeons, was among those who shared advice. He was joined by clinical geneticist Dr Melita Irving; Professor Humphrey Scott, Dean of Education at the RSM and a colorectal surgeon; and cardiac surgeon Dr Babulal Sethia.

The group also heard from Dr David Ariyanayagam, who is in his first foundation year as a junior doctor and has recent experience of applying for, attending and graduating from medical school.

How to get into medical school was the hot topic and time was spent on mock interviews and giving advice on what to watch and read. The students also got a well-rounded and realistic sense of what life as a doctor is like – both the highs and lows. This included hearing about the benefits and challenges required for the different roles within healthcare and how individual character traits might make certain paths more fitting than others.

Several students have taken contact details from the speakers and will be arranging work experience in the near future. We are extremely grateful to the RSM for supporting the aspirations of these incredible students. We would like to thank Ted Nicholl, one of our school governors, for helping to set up such a fantastic event.



## Exam Invigilators wanted

£10.85 per hour plus £1.57 holiday pay per hour – casual engagement with flexible hours. Immediate Start.

We are recruiting new examination invigilators to join our existing team. The invigilator's role is highly regulated and training will be provided.

**For more information visit:**  
[www.mulberryacademysshoreditch.org/careers](http://www.mulberryacademysshoreditch.org/careers) or to apply visit the TES website.

We are unable to accept CVs or expressions of interest. We are unable to accept applications from relatives of our staff members.

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Jane made a mistake when writing down a multiplication, and she multiplied by 54 instead of 45.

Her answer was 198 more than it should have been.

What number did she multiply 54 by?

### Solution

#### Using algebra

Let the number that Jane multiplied by be called  $n$ . Then  $54n$  is 198 more than  $45n$

So  $54n = 45n + 198$ , so  $54n - 45n = 198$ , so  $9n = 198$ , so  $n = 198 \div 9 = 22$ .

**Year 9 Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination Boosters Will take place on Monday 16th May 2022. Please can all consent forms be returned to school by Wednesday 4th May the latest.**