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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Please read the below information regarding Half Term arrangements.

End of Term

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will close for Half Term on Friday 27th May at the normal time of 3.30pm. Students will then return to school on Monday 6th June 2022 at their normal time. There will be some intervention classes running over Half Term – selected students have been contacted about this.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 14th June, we will be holding Year 7 Parents' Evening at the school from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Parents' will receive more information regarding this when we return from Half Term.

Year 10 and 12 Mocks

As we are approaching exam season for Year 11 and 13, we are also going to start preparing Year 10 and 12 for their exams next year. Mocks for Year 10 and 12 will take place in late June with more information being sent out after Half Term.

School Closures this Term

On **Monday 4th July 2022**, the school will be closed for an additional day for the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday, which falls in Half Term.

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 collared 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.

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.

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Positive Covid Test Results and symptoms

From Friday 1st 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

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

There has been a lot going on this week; House events, public exams, trips and visits, Societies events and speakers in schools....well done and thank you to all staff and students for a great week.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

It was a delightful evening on Tuesday evening – there was a great buzz at the school with so many parents and students and staff meeting. Lots of positive and worthwhile conversations and an opportunity to speak to parents about lots of different things. Well done to Mr McCabe and to Ms Islam and Ms Miller for their hard work on this event along with Premises and our admin teams.

Year 12 Work Experience

Well done to Ms Miller for her leadership of a very successful and remarkable Year 12 Work Experience



week. Seeing students busy and at work in so many different environments has been fantastic.

Year 11 and 13 May half term school

We are open Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of the half term for Year 11 and 13 exam revision classes.

Queen's Jubilee

Good luck to Ms Milton and Year 7 students who are performing their



poetry of Diversity at Kensington Palace on Sunday for the Queen's Jubilee.....more on this after the half term break!

Half term break

Wishing everyone a very peaceful and safe half term break. See you on Monday 6th June, normal time.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal

Sixth Form Update

This week in the sixth form, we have been leading up to the big exam season! A number of A-Level and BTEC exams have run this week, and students have been working incredibly hard. Good luck to all those that have exams!

Whilst our Year 13's have been working hard in their exams, our Year 12's have been out in the working field, on their work experience placements. From Canary Wharf to Columbia Road, our students have been getting a taste of the working life over this week.



"It's nice to be in a different environment, especially when we are in school 5-days a week. I think its teaching me a lot about what I want to go into in the future and possible jobs that I can do when I'm out of education." Year 12 Student

Within the Sixth form, some of the students have become caregivers! The Year 12 psychology students in the school are now proud owners of their very own egg children. The students are taking care of their egg over the next week, as they learn about the topic of Attachment. Unfortunately, we have had a few losses but nonetheless, the attachments continue to strengthen!



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>

Primary Art

The last sessions with Christchurch and St John's Primary schools have been incredible. It's been amazing to see students' skills and confidence grow with every passing week. A huge thank you to teachers and support staff from Christchurch Primary and St John's Primary schools for all their help. We look forward to welcoming you all back soon!



Year 12 Work Experience

This week our Year 12s have been enjoying work experience in a variety of business and workplaces from solicitors and chemists to hairdressers and schools. Here are some photos of their week at work...



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ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

bio = life

The 'root' is the basic part of a word that has meaning and can have a 'prefix' or 'suffix' added to it.

EXAMPLES

- Biologist** A biologist is someone who studies living things.
- Biodiversity** Biodiversity is the variety of life found on Earth (plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms).
- Biography** A biography is a written description of a person's life.

FREE* FAMILY CYCLE TRAINING

DR BIKE ON 30TH MAY 09:00AM - 12PM!

Suitable for regular cyclists looking to progress cycle skills to the next level

DATES:
MON 30 MAY
TUE 31 MAY
& WED 1 JUNE

TIMES:
10:00 - 12:00

BOOK YOUR PLACE ON
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VICTORIA PARK

TOWER HAMLETS

bikeworks



Tower Superbloom

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, over 20 million seeds have been sown in the moat at the Tower of London. The flowers will develop and morph over the course of the summer, culminating in the creation of a beautiful, new landscape. The project, called 'Superbloom', is designed to attract pollinators and will bring a wonderful natural beauty to this urban space and introduce a new biodiverse habitat for wildlife. On Tuesday, a group of Year 7 Tower House students took part in an art workshop to design and make colourful flowers and creatures that will live in the MAS Superbloom garden which they have already planted in the school grounds. The group will also visit the Tower of London in June to see the spectacular floral moat for themselves.



MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX

Year 10 Robotics

On Tuesday 24th May our Year 10 STEM scholars presented their Robotics projects in a celebration of their hard work



RICH MIX UnMute

Rich Mix are starting a fun and friendly discussion and debate club for 11-14s called UnMute, which supports students to speak up and share their opinions, building communication skills which will help them at school and in their future life and career.

Students are invited to a taster session next Weds 1st June during half term. Parents are welcome to join too, and it's a chance to meet the team and try out some of the activities.

UnMute will then run regularly on Saturday mornings. It's free to attend, and is suitable for students of all abilities, whether they are confident communicators already or if they prefer to listen before they talk.

To find out more and sign up, please click this link:
<https://richmix.org.uk/events/unmute/>

Hackney City Farm

The students in the LSU went to Hackney City Farm to support the furry members of our community. They enjoyed feeding and petting the donkey and sheep. They explored the beautiful gardens and took pictures of the scenery. We ended the day off with ice-cream to cool off.



Carnegie Readers

This half term, 28 students in years 7-10 have been reading the books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for children and YA fiction. They have worked in groups to create mood boards inspired by the books they are reading, discuss the key themes of the novels and respond to the creative writing challenges set by the book authors. This week students have cast their votes for which book should win the Shadowers' Choice Award.



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

On Aisha's holiday, 11 days had some rain.

A morning rain was always followed by a clear afternoon.
An afternoon rain was always preceded by a clear morning.

A total of 9 mornings and 12 afternoons were clear.

How many days had no rain at all?



Solution

Counting half-days

"A morning rain was always followed by a clear afternoon. An afternoon rain was always preceded by a clear morning," means that rain comes in half-days - there were no full days of rain.

So 11 days had some rain means, there were 11 half-days of rain.

"A total of nine mornings and twelve afternoons were clear", which makes a total of $9 + 12 = 21$ clear half-days.

So altogether there were $11 + 21 = 32$ half-days in Aisha's holiday, which is the same as 16 days.

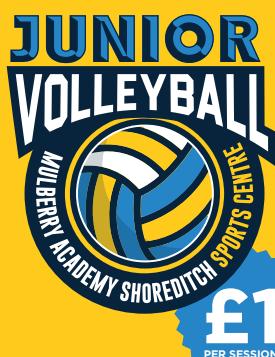
Kayaking games

Photos of the final Year 7 kayaking session where the aim was to get as wet as possible! Here are some photos.



Well done to Alina Matiz Nicholls, the winner of this term's Geography challenge. Alina created a fantastic poster about the sustainable city of Reykjavik, Iceland. She discussed the strategies the government and local people have implemented to make the city as eco-friendly as possible - a very interesting read. Alina, check your emails this weekend, there will be a £10 Amazon voucher sent to you. Well done!

Check your Teams page next term for your chance to complete the Geography challenge and win a £10 Amazon voucher



Children aged 8-17 years welcome

For more info contact the Sports Centre Manager directly on 02079207937

A 'drop in' coached session offering the opportunity to improve technique and match play!

SATURDAYS FROM 3-5PM

*Discounted for MAS students