

Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

Meeting King Charles

Our Chair of Governors, David Gracie, was honoured to attend a special reception hosted by His Majesty King Charles III and other members of the Royal Family last week at Buckingham Palace. The reception was in recognition of the contribution of small businesses to the UK economy. Mr Gracie set up a new business, Indigo Independent Governance, in the summer of 2021. During his conversation with The King, focus was given to supporting education, apprenticeships and The Princes Trust.



“Excellence describes many aspects of Mulberry Academy Shoreditch and what it provides for its pupils.” Ofsted, 2022



Safia Jama MBE visit

On Tuesday the Academy welcomed Safia Jama MBE and CEO of Women's Inclusive Team. Safia spoke inspirationally to teachers, particularly regarding the needs of our Black Somali students. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the wonderful diversity of the school and to deepen our understanding of the local community. Staff were extremely grateful for Safia's time,

knowledge and insight. I would also like to thank Mona Hassan (parent liaison officer) for her support in leading the event.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Mr Edward Rakshi,
Head of School



“A highly positive ethos pervades the school..” Ofsted, 2022

Sixth Form Update

Well done to Year 13 students who have now finished their mock exams which went really well!

A group of Year 12 students are busy preparing for the 2023 Sheriffs' Challenge, an annual competition sixth form students to present their argument on a topic selected by the event organisers. This year's topic is "Post-Covid, the City will change beyond all recognition". We wish them luck in the coming heats.

The sixth form leadership interviews have been taking place and we will be announcing the students who have been successful in the coming week. The panel have been really impressed by the professional approach and the ideas and energy

they have seen from all applicants and we look forward to meeting the new Head Boy, Head Girl and team.

Today, Year 12 students attended an Oxbridge Preparation Seminar to learn about the application process to these top universities.



In their A Level art lesson this week students learned and practiced the technique of painting with oil paints.

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>

Debate Mate

On Wednesday 16th December, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch kickstarted the Debate Mate Core Programme with pupils from across Years 7 to 10. Our budding politicians and lawyers engaged in lots of fun debates, all the while meeting peers from other year groups and developing their oratory skills. These sessions are preparing our pupils for a number of national tournaments with other schools in early 2023 which is a very exciting prospect! Debate Mate is still welcoming new members, and takes place every Wednesday in room 404 from 3.35pm to 4.35pm. If you would like to join, please speak to Ms Tarannum in the English Office.



Talking about Malorie Blackman

On Wednesday 23rd November the English department took a group of students to see Malorie's Blackman's talk at The British Library. She shared some reflections about her literary career as well as what to expect in her new autobiography 'Just Sayin'.

Tonnian Daley, in Year 10 said:

"I thought that it was an amazing experience to get to know a bit more about Malorie Blackman's life and



how she views things, what she went through and how she writes and finds the inspiration and creativity in her books. She was really a nice person and so funny. I would love to read more of her books in the future."



Virginia Year 5 weaving project

A group of very creative Year 5 pupils from Virginia Primary school have been coming in for art classes, with Ms Kilmanaite, on Thursday afternoons for the last 3 weeks. They have been weaving, making some lovely colourful work!



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SPANISH TRIP TO BARCELONA

SPAIN 3RD - 6TH MAY 2023

£380 (€150 deposit) asap

SIGHTS INCLUDE: CAMP NOU, PARK GUELL, LAS RAMBLAS, PICASSO MUSEUM AND MANY MORE.

VEN CON NOSOTROS! ¡SERÁ DIVERTIDO!

ASK YOUR SPANISH TEACHERS FOR A LETTER

Price includes flights, transport, meals and entrance fees

Please pay your deposit to the finance office and have a copy of your passport



What lovely work from the Year 7s' miniature drawing project inspired by the artist Lorraine Loots.

Inside the Bank of England

It was such a pleasure to welcome Kiera Williamson from the Bank of England who talked to our Economics Society on Thursday. Students were inspired as she explained about the different areas of work within the bank such as crypto currency, how the gold bullion is stored and guarded, cyber security and of course economics and finance. Kiera talked about the range of pathways into working at the bank and about her own journey from school to her career. She was really interesting and talked about the bank's drive for inclusion and diversity, about the social and flexible

working conditions and the Societies they have within the bank. Students asked some great questions too, from how to get into finance and banking to how the bank and it's vaults are protected. When asked 'what would her question be if she was in the audience', she said she would think about what she could do now to make her CV stand out to future employers and her biggest piece of advice to our young people... get into coding! A massive thanks to Kiera for an excellent talk.



Year 8 mini sagas published

Well done to the Year 8 students whose 'Trapped' mini sagas were published! They are all fantastic pieces of writing and the English department is very proud of you! If anyone would like to read these stories, feel free to borrow a copy of the collection from the library.



Parliament and PMQs

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch's Politics Society had the privilege of going to Prime Minister's Questions this Wednesday. Students were shown around the House of Commons taking in the different buildings and rich history that lies within each of them, followed by a 40-minute session of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak taking questions from different members of Parliament, as well as his weekly political joust with Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer. Students watched from the public gallery before having lunch in the Houses of Parliament canteen. What a day for all involved!



Mulberry Winter Fest '22

Winter Fair

Thursday 8th December '22
4pm-6pm

Fun for you and your family
FACE PAINTING, CAKES,
FOOD & DRINKS, STALLS, MUSIC
CRAFT, GAMES & MUCH MORE...

Win **RAFFLE** PRIZES

Location: The Street, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch
All proceeds will go to local charities

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We're collecting items for Bethnal Green

FOODBANK

PLEASE DONATE if you can!

Please bring in your donations from Monday 28th November

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Cereals (including 12 pack Weetabix)
- Disposable nappies
- Dried lentils
- Vegetable cooking oil
- Washing Powder
- Toilet rolls
- UHT Milk
- Rice (1kg)
- Pasta (1kg)
- Washing-up liquid
- Tinned vegetables and pulses (kidney beans, chickpeas, peas, lentils, sweetcorn etc. 400g)
- Instant coffee
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Teabags
- Peanut butter
- Rice Pudding (tinned)
- Tinned custard
- Jam

...and other special Christmas items!

Please don't bring donations of fresh food, food that is overly dated or damaged. Please donate bank notes appropriate to the items left and are not fresh food items.

Please donate long-life, non-perishable foods like tinned fruit, vegetables and meats. Also toiletries like toothpaste and shower gel.

BETHNAL GREEN FOODBANK

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Ambiguous

adjective

DEFINITION
Having more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally. Not clear.

EXAMPLE
1. The politician gave an ambiguous answer.
2. If you don't use the correct grammar the meaning can be a bit ambiguous and lead to confusion.

SYNONYMS
Unclear
Uncertain
Puzzling
Doubtful

ANTONYMS
clear, obvious, precise

CHARACTERISTICS
Ambi = Latin prefix meaning 'both'.
'ambiguity' is the noun form of the word.

Science Museum trip

This week 7E went on a Rewards trip to the Science Museum to the new STEM exhibition where they discovered different jobs and opportunities with the subjects of STEM.



STEM CORNER



Photosynthesis Work

Year 10 Biologists have been busy completing their GCSE required practical investigating how light intensity affects the rate of reaction.

Science Society

The Science Society were invited this week to a special screening of the David Attenborough's documentary Antarctica in 3D at the Science Museum's IMAX cinema. Students started to link their understanding of climate change from Chemistry to all the 'cute' but vulnerable organisms in the film.

Science Society
with
Imperial College London



Term Dates

Term 1 finishes: Friday 16th December 2022
Christmas break: Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023
Tuesday 3rd January 2023 (Inset day - closed to students)
Term two starts: Wednesday 4th January 2023 (for all students)
Half-term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023
 Term 2 resumes for all students on Monday 20th February 2023
 Term 2 finishes: Friday 31st March 2023
Easter break: Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023
Monday 17th April 2023 (Inset day - closed to students)
Term three starts: Tuesday 18th April 2023 (for all students)
 Eid Al-Fitr (closed to students): Friday 21st April 2023
Half-term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023
 Term 3 resumes for all students on Monday 5th June 2023
Term three finishes: Friday 21st July 2023
 Eid Al-Adha (closed to students) *TBC: Wednesday 28th June 2023*

Change of date for HPV

Year 8 HPV first dose will now take place on **Thursday 15th December**

Please can you click on the link and complete the consent form for your child if you have not done this already. If you do not consent can you please still complete the form

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2022/towerhamlets>

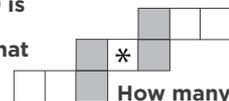
If you are having trouble completing the form, please contact Vaccination Uk on 0207 613 9146 and they will be able to help with the form.

Paper copies are available from school.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Each of the numbers 1 to 9 is to be placed in a different cell of the grid shown so that the sum of the three numbers in each row is 15. Also, the sum of the two numbers in each shaded column is to be 15.



How many choices are there for the number to be placed in the central cell indicated by *?

ANSWER: 2

The sum of the two numbers in each shaded column is 15. Therefore, one of these columns contains the numbers 7 and 8, while the other column holds the numbers 6 and 9. Note also that two of these numbers, one from each column, combine with the number in the central cell to sum to 15. This is possible only if the number in the central cell is 1 and the shaded numbers in the central row are 6 and 8 or if the number in the central cell is 2 and the shaded numbers in the central row are 6 and 7.

The diagrams below show how the grid may be completed correctly with either 1 or 2 in the central cell, though these are not the only ways of doing so.

