

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Families

Hope you are well and keeping safe. We have had a busy first full week back, with trips and guest speakers – please have a look at our weekly newsletter for some nice news about what's been happening at the school!

Year 13 Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 24th January we are holding a Year 13 Parents' Evening from 3.30pm – 5pm. Parents and carers of Year 13 will receive a letter with more information. All Year 13 parents **must** attend. **If for any reason you cannot attend, please contact reception on 020 7920 7900.**

Year 9 vaccinations – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis

Your child is due to receive their DTP/ACWY vaccinations, which will be given in school from January. We will confirm the dates with you shortly.

As part of the national immunisation programme, teenagers in Year 9 are required to get the 3-in-1 booster and the Meningitis ACWY vaccines. These vaccines have been used for decades as an effective way of protecting teenagers against a whole range of dangerous diseases such as Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain which causes long-term problems and can be fatal. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio are three separate diseases which can cause problems such as difficulty breathing and swallowing, muscle spasms and a high temperature. Not getting the vaccine could lead to your child becoming very unwell. You can read more about both vaccines and the diseases they protect against below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

Parental consent

To support us in protecting more teenagers against these serious diseases, we ask that parents or carers complete the online consent form you can do so by visiting:

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

It is important to do this even if you choose not to consent to your teenagers' vaccination. Please note, if you choose not to complete consent, this does not mean that you have refused the vaccine. You must complete a consent whether you wish for your child to have it or not.

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Please use the link in the attached document to sign up. You can attend in person or sign up to attend a virtual live stream online.

When: Thursday 9th February, 5pm-7:30pm

Where: London Design and Engineering UTC (E16 2RD)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Rakshi', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Edward Rakshi
Head of School

Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

Even more beautiful areas at the school

This area of the school used to be completely unused over the years. But well done to our fantastic Premises team who have painted, cleared, landscaped the area and put beautiful picnic benches in and made the area a delightful place to sit at break and lunchtime for Year 12 students.



Student Sixth Form Council

On Tuesday the Sixth Form Council were treated to lunch as part of their programme of events. It was delightful to have lunch with them and to talk to them about their

futures. Well done to these young people who are a brilliant leadership group.

Parents' Evenings

This week we held a very successful and busy year 11 parents' evening. It

Notices

1. Students need a warm coat now as we are in the Winter weather
2. Please make sure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up if needed.

was wonderful to work together with parents and students so that we can secure the absolute best outcomes for our students. We now look forward to our next parents' evening for year 13 on Tuesday January 24th.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal

Mr Edward Rakshi,
Head of School

Sixth Form News

This week has been a busy week in the Sixth Form. We have had a number of exciting activities take place including an A Level English Trip to University, an EPQ launch with Southampton University and a student leadership reward trip at Nandos. In addition our year 13 students are preparing heavily for their exams with students in Geography, History and English completing coursework. We also want to mention all of our BTEC students who, this week, have started their January exam period. This is a crucially important time for them and we wish them all good luck. Thank you also to their teachers for the support they are giving them at this time.

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>

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Sixth Form

**SIXTH FORM
INFORMATION EVENING
WITH REFRESHMENTS
WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023
4.00PM - 5.00PM**

COME ALONG
AND FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT
OUR AMAZING
SIXTH FORM

Location:

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch
Gosset Street . London . E2 6NW

For more information contact: sixthform@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org

Year 7 on the ski slope!

A group of Year 7 students took to the slopes on Thursday for their first session at Brentwood Park Ski and Snowboard Centre. Despite the weather they were excited to get going and quickly learned how to ski down the slope and to turn and stop themselves. There were a few tumbles but all of the students progressed from being complete beginners, gaining confidence and learning new skills by the end of the session.



THE CHASE

MAS EDITION

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY '23
3.45PM

Team up with your parents to defeat the teacher Chaser

If you and your parent/carer would like to **Face the Chaser** speak to your House Tutor to find out more

Details will be announced in House form time and on your House Teams pages

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

ART CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY
ROOM 405
15:35 - 16:30

For more information, please speak to Miss Kilmanaitis

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

Talking Politics

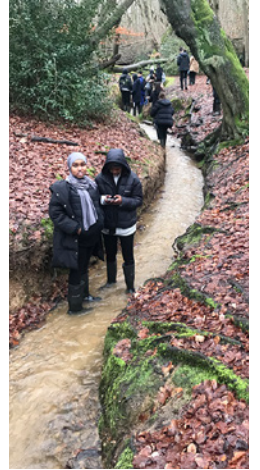
International
Studies and
Politics Society
with
SOAS
University of London



On Tuesday 10th January, the Politics Society had the privilege of welcoming Councillor Peter Golds to Mulberry Academy Shoreditch for a seminar. A range of different themes were discussed including his 25-year long career as a councillor, the cost of living crisis and the UK's democratic parliamentary system. Students asked many insightful questions and took a huge amount away from the session. Thank you to Councillor Golds and well done to all students!



Year 10 Geography Field Trip



On Thursday Year 10 Geography students braved the wet weather to go on a field trip to Epping Forest. As a compulsory part of their GCSE Unit 3 work, they collected data and measured the width, depth and velocity of the river.



Year 11 Maths conferences

On Wednesday afternoon we held the first of the Trust's Year 11 Maths conferences here at MAS. Students from all four schools were working together on either securing a grade 7 or securing a grade 5 problems. Well done to all who attended, we will see you next week for part two!



Othello conference

On Tuesday, a group of Year 13 A Level English Literature students went to a conference at the National Theatre about 'Othello' by William Shakespeare - one of the texts we study as part of our work on the Tragedy genre. It was a fascinating event which gave new insights into the play, as well as the production process for the National Theatre's current production of the play. Now we can't wait to see a performance of the play in February!



Mulberry Academy Shoreditch **COMPETITION**
Design a Vegan
RECIPE
FOR **VEGANUARY**
Details will be announced in House form time and on your House Teams pages
recipes should be made of everyday ingredients and must not contain, meat, fish, dairy, eggs and nuts
THE WINNER WILL HAVE THEIR RECIPE MADE & SERVED BY THE SCHOOL KITCHEN TEAM

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch **HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE SPORTS HALL
DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN HOUSE FORM TIME AND ON YOUR HOUSE TEAMS PAGES

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch **WORD OF THE WEEK**
Ghastly
DEFINITION
causing great horror or fear
EXAMPLE
There is no way I can swallow the ghastly medicine.
Since my sister is known for her ghastly meals, I always eat before going to her house.
No one wanted to go outside, the weather was ghastly.
SYNONYMS
Terrible.
Frightful.
Grim.
ANTONYMS
Blooming.
Fresh.
Buxom.
CHARACTERISTICS
Middle English: from obsolete *gast* 'terrify'.
Old English *gaestan*, of Germanic origin; related to *ghost*.

Loudmouth workshops

On Tuesday, Year 9 students watched a drama performance and participated in relationships and safeguarding workshops, run by Loudmouth Theatre, as part of their Personal, Social, Health and Economic education.



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'GET INTO' APPRENTICESHIPS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK 2023

Date: Thursday 9th Feb

Time: 17:00-19:30

Venue: London Design and Engineering UTC | Live-streamed

Pizza on arrival & a chance to win prizes!



Scan/click to sign up

Join us for an evening of networking with employers and gather information about the amazing apprenticeships available to school & college leavers.

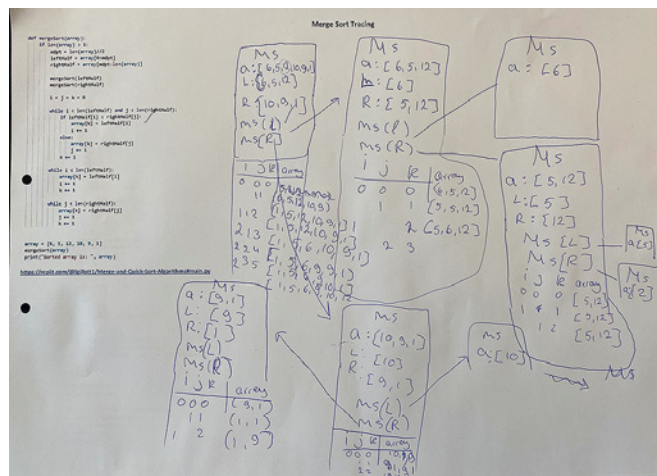
Come and network with these brands!





STEM CORNER

Y13 A Level Computer Scientists this week have been working hard to understand the code behind the recursive merge sort algorithm, used to sort a list of items. Well done to them for tracing this difficult code!



Invigilators wanted

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is recruiting new exam invigilators to join our existing team. Invigilators create the conditions for our students to perform at their very best in their exams. The invigilator's role is highly regulated and training will be provided.

£11.05 per hour, plus £1.61 holiday pay per hour – casual engagement with flexible hours. Immediate Start.

To apply, please go to the careers section of our school website:

<http://www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org/careers/#toggle-id-1>

Benefits we offer: Staff are encouraged to use the free gym on-site. We have an employee assistance program, a cycle to work scheme, an interest-free season ticket loan, a multitude of discount vouchers with You At Work and free eye care tests. Staff car park. An abundance of professional learning opportunities. Best of all, we offer free breakfast to our staff.

Please note family relatives of students at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch cannot work as exam invigilators.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Seventy pupils (37 boys and 33 girls) are divided into two groups, with forty pupils in Group I and thirty in Group II.

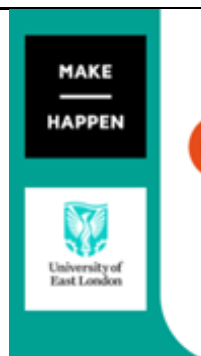
How many more boys are there in Group I than there are girls in Group II?

ANSWER: 7 more boys than girls

Let the number of boys in Group I be x . The number of girls in Group I is therefore $40 - x$ and the number of girls in Group II is $33 - (40 - x) = x - 7$. There are therefore 7 girls fewer in Group II than there are boys in Group I.



Fatou, Malaz and Sara in 7F all successfully solved last week's Problem of the Week.



4th - 6th April 2023

Gear Up To Uni

Come and experience university
on our 3-day event at
UEL Docklands Campus

Are you in Year 10 and want to find out more about university?

Then join us for **Gear Up 2023!**

Running the **4th - 6th April 2023**, this three-day on campus event hosted at the UEL Docklands Campus will give you a university experience.

Jointly organised between Make Happen and the University of East London, successful applicants will get to experience:

- hands on **discovery of subjects** you could study at a university
- a chance to **explore the UEL Docklands campus**
- meeting **current students**
- workshops to help you make your **post-16 choices**

...and much more!

Travel and lunch will be provided.

Places are limited. Apply here now:

<https://www.uel.ac.uk/about-uel/events/2023/april/gear-easter-school>

We welcome applications from all students; however, places will be prioritised for students who are from groups that are underrepresented in higher education.

Applications close on Monday 24th February 2023

(Although application date is subject to closing early due to capacity)