

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families

Hope you are well and keeping safe. Please read the below information as it is very important.

### **Industrial Action Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over teachers' pay conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will be closed to students in **Year 7,8,9,10 and 12** on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day, if they are in **Year 7,8,9,10 and 12**. We have decided to prioritise **Year 11 and 13** as they have public exams. **Year 11 and 13** should come into school from 9am to 3pm and we will ensure face to face learning takes place.

All other students should work from home, they will be given work to complete.

I'm sorry that you have had to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other respect.

Please contact the school if you need to with regard to this day or have any following questions on: [parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)

### **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.

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.

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

### **Punctuality**

The school day begins promptly at 8.35am and registration to school closes at 8.40am. Students who arrive after this time are considered to be late. Students who arrive after 8.40am will be supervised by a senior and pastoral member of staff on that day. They will continue to follow the standard curriculum for their year group. Parents and carers have been notified of this in letters as well as text messages, it is very important that your child arrives to school on time. Please make sure your child is on time to school – **8.40am**.

### **AF Theatre School**

Don't miss the chance to work with the **award-winning, Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School** this February half-term. *Thoroughly Modern Musicals* will give students aged 7-16 years the opportunity to create their very own musical in a week, which will be performed to friends and family at the end of the week.

Students will have a week **full of fun, all whilst building their confidence and self-esteem.**

Get in touch with [hello@afperformingarts.com](mailto:hello@afperformingarts.com) for more information and to book your place.

A limited number of bursaries are available for residents of Hackney and don't miss the chance to **win a place for you and a friend** on their Instagram Page - @AFSCHOOL

### **Free Apprenticeships Information Event for Parents and Carers**

This is a great opportunity to find out more what it would look like for your child to do an apprenticeship when they leave school.

Find out more about apprenticeships in general, and specifically at Google, PWC and KPMG.

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 9<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm-7:30pm

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

Yours faithfully



Mr Edward Rakshi  
Head of School

## Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

### Sir Douglas Flint CBE visits Shoreditch

Today we had the privilege of receiving a visit and a talk from Sir Douglas Flint – the former Chairman of HSBC Holdings. Sir Douglas went to The University of Glasgow and was a partner at KMPG before going into banking. He is visiting Mulberry Academy Shoreditch today to talk to our Economics students in the sixth form and to our Economics Society students.



### Christchurch Primary school

It is simply lovely to have Year 4 in to the school every week to do Dance lessons with Ms Pitts our Head of PE and having Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils doing Spanish lessons on Thursdays with some of our Modern Languages teachers.



### Staff well being

Staff welfare week last week was a great success ending on Friday with staff welfare bags – again thanks to Ms Kainth for leading on this for the whole of last week.



### Teacher Strike Action

The National Union of Teachers have called some regional and national strikes. Please see our letter to parents today with regard to the impact of this at the school.

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

### 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.

## Sixth Form News

This week has been a big week for our year 11 students who have been thinking about their Sixth Form subject choices for next year. Each morning this week, they have had presentations from all the Sixth Form subjects on offer. The students have responded in a really positive way and have also been impressed by



the range of our offer. On Thursday they all spent the morning as Sixth Form students where they came to school in business dress and experienced

Sixth Form lessons with A Level teachers. They were also able to speak to our Sixth Form scholarship winners about the Sixth Form experience.

Congratulations to all of our year 12 students who won their scholarship prizes on Thursday morning. The Scholarship award are an important part of our Sixth Form offer, giving our students



the opportunity to win prizes of up to £500! The students who won this year submitted some exceptional pieces of extended writing, well done to everyone.

## SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

### WITH REFRESHMENTS

## WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 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](mailto:sixthform@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)**

# Sir Douglas Flint CBE visits MAS

On Thursday 26th January we were excited to welcome Sir Douglas Flint CBE, former Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings. Sir Douglas talked to the Year 9 Economic Society and Sixth Formers about his career journey, living and studying in Glasgow and coming to London to start his long and very esteemed career in banking. He also talked about economics and the impact of global issues on present and future generations. Students asked his advice and some interesting questions about his views, role models and more. They found the session really engaging and thought-provoking - and Sir Douglas' advice to them... follow your ambitions, don't be afraid to take business risks and learn from mistakes.



# A visit to the Royal Courts of Justice

Science Society  
with  
Imperial College London

The Social Science Society had the honour of touring around the famous Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday. We got an in-depth history on how the laws we abide by now came to be. The students were intrigued by the courts in session; where the barristers and judges wear their long robe uniforms and curly wigs. The students left having learnt how incredible human innovation was and still is!



# THE BIG DRAW

#backtocolour



On Thursday and Friday students got creative and drew flowers to make a collaborative, colourful piece of art.



Mulberry Academy Shoreham

## WORD OF THE WEEK

WOW!

# Attribute

<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
A quality or feature, especially one that is considered to be good or useful.	Kindness is just one of his many attributes. She possesses the essential attributes of a world class footballer.
<b>SYNONYMS</b>	<b>ANTONYMS</b>
Feature Characteristic	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.

# Year 8 Resilience workshops

Y8 started a programme of learning to support them in developing social and emotional Resilience skills on Friday. One activity in the first lesson involved students working together to create the tallest tower possible out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



# House Basketball

Another fun House tournament on Wednesday - in pictures!



# Year 9 Creative Writing Competition Winner!

Last night was magical. For the first time in four years, icy, ivory snowflakes majestically leapt through the frosted, bitter wind, carpeting the moist, slippery tiles with a thick, suffocating blanket of ice. The foggy air was taken over by phantom-like clouds which were illuminated by the silvery-pearl moonlight, reflecting on the murky, ghastly water, which developed icicles over time. The immense, sweet scent of hot chocolate and mince pies flooded within the new gust of monstrous wind.

As I walked along the river bank, a tiny, lost creature whimpered and howled with the wind. He lay slumped on his side against a twisted, oily-black lamppost, topped with a glowing ball of fire. His fur was luminous and silky and his head lay as still as a mannequin, as he listened attentively to the noises of the night. As I pressed my hand against his stomach, his heartbeat roared ferociously, like it was about to burst out of his chest.

A hunched tree hovered over us, swaying lightly in the midnight sky ferociously murmuring, twigs facing my direction like scrawny hands reaching out to me, decorated in the ashy-black sky like pixie dust tangling in the branches like wired headphones. The howling wind of East London, echoing across the cold water of the Thames, reflecting the smiling moon in its shimmering waves. As people made their way home, the world had decided the best place to be was at home.

They did not include this poor soul.

Laying in the distance, was the motionless, lonely body of another fox. Suddenly, the heavens opened and a rainfall of tears fell through the sky viciously. Her crystal, blue eyes pierced my soul, her frost-bitten paws pressed together and her teeth grinning lightly.

The wind howled even louder - the fox howled with it.

Ronnie Simpkins (9C)



# Year 7 Ski sessions

Another group of Year 7s learning ski skills on the slopes!



Well done to our Year 7 football team who wone their match against Stepney Green 10-1 at Mile end on Monday. Don't they look great in their new kit?

## Notice - Year 9 parents/carers

Year 9 DTP/ACWY vaccinations will take place on Thursday 2nd March 2023

Please can you go on the link and complete the consent form for your child. If you do not consent can you please still complete the form

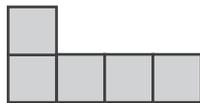
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2021/towerhamlets>

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Using only pieces like the one shown in the diagram, Zara wants to make a complete square without gaps or overlaps.

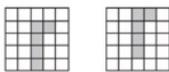
What is the smallest number of pieces she can use?



### ANSWER: 20

Since the total area of a square created with  $N$  of the pieces shown will be  $5N$ , we need  $5N$  to be a square number. Therefore  $N$  is of the form  $5m^2$  for some integer  $m$  and, of the options given, only 5 and 20 are of that form.

Consider first whether it is possible to create a square with 5 pieces. Such a square would be a  $5 \times 5$  square and, as shown in the diagrams below, it is then only possible to cover the central cell in one of two ways (rotations and reflections of the arrangements shown being essentially the same).



Whichever of these two arrangements is used to cover the central cell, it is easy to see that the remaining cells cannot be covered with four more of the pieces and hence it is impossible to build a square with 5 of the pieces shown.

However, since two of the pieces can be placed next to each other to form a  $5 \times 2$  rectangle as shown,



and 10 of these rectangles can easily be combined to create a  $10 \times 10$  square, a square can be built using 20 pieces.

Well done to Mohammed Akram Hussain (7E) who solved last week's PoW

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# SKI TO SESTRIERE, ITALY

# SKI TRIP '24

13TH-19TH JANUARY

44 PLACES AVAILABLE Y7-Y12

**Cost**  
**£750**

Pay in installments

**THE COST INCLUDES**

- Return executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights full board accommodation
- 4 days lift pass
- 4 days ski lessons (5 hours per day)
- Equipment hire including skis, ski boots and a helmet
- Activ4 representative
- Evening activities including Bingo and Quiz night and Pizza night.
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