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Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Families

Hope you are well and keeping safe and had nice Half term break. Please read below important information.

Year 11 and 13 Mocks

From Monday 27th February – Monday 6th March 2023, Year 11 and 13 will be undertaking their mock GCSE and A Level Exams. All students should be focusing on revising for these.

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.

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.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr Edward Rakshi
Head of School

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Industrial Action Thursday 2nd March 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on Thursday 2nd March 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 Thursday 2nd March 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 complete school work at home.

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

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Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

Trust Music Event

On Tuesday we hosted an event in our main hall at the school, where all musicians from across the Trust came together to play music and build songs and music together through instrument and voice. It was a joyful occasion. Well done to Ms Miller for leading on this with Mr Feasey.



Borough. The event focused on Badminton and there was lots of fun but it was also very competitive!



Afternoon Tea for Year 11

Twice a week Ms Montgomerie and I hold an afternoon tea event for Year 11 students to talk about and discuss their pathway to our Sixth form. They are delightful events where students can talk openly about what they want from a sixth form provision and what they can give back to it.

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



Local Authority Sports Event

Thank you to Abdal Ahmed, who is one of the School Sports Co-ordinators for the Local Authority, for organising a great event for students from around six different Secondary schools in the

Sixth Form News

On Wednesday we welcomed our year 11 Sixth Form applicants from other schools across London for our Sixth Form Information Evening. It was a really well attended event and our visitors got to speak to members of staff and students from the Sixth Leadership Team. There were presentations and lots of questions about the Sixth Form. It was really nice to meet students and parents from other schools



and we look forward to holding more events from next month.

Just before half term, our year 12 students participated in the annual Sheriff's Challenge debate. Although unsuccessful this year, the students put everything into the event and gained a lot from the experience in the preparation and presentation of their key topic. A big thank you to Ted Nicholls and Angela Squire for their ongoing support with this.



Singing together

On Tuesday our choir joined with singers from Mulberry School for Girls for their first rehearsal for an upcoming performance later this half term. They learned the songs quickly and sounded fantastic singing together.



English A Level Theatre Trip

A group of Year 12 and 13 English Literature A Level students went to see a performance of Othello at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith on the last day of the half-term. It kept Shakespeare's language, but updated the play to a modern, gangland setting. The students were had lots of perceptive comments about the production, which it was a delight to hear as we travelled back to east London.



Wellbeing club

The students at Wellbeing Club had a masterclass in mindful breathing and drawing this week as they practiced the meditative art of box breathing. Students also had the opportunity to draw how they were feeling and learn about the ancient symbol of the mandala and how it can be used mindfully.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Plagiarise

DEFINITION
To take words or ideas from another person's work and use them in your work, without stating that they are not your own.

EXAMPLE
1. He had to repay £10,000 in royalties for plagiarising another rapper's lyrics.
2. Her teacher had to explain to her that copying and pasting someone else's words from the internet was plagiarism.

SYNONYMS
To copy. To steal. To use illegally.

ANTONYMS
To be original. Create something new.

CHARACTERISTICS
From the Latin word 'plagiarus', meaning 'kidnapper'.

Wellbeing Wednesday Club

Every Wednesday after school from 3.30-4.30

Activities every week range from...

- baking
- Crocheting
- Walking
- Gardening
- Creative crafts

Sign up sheets will be available but speak to Ms. Milton if you would like to be on the list.

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MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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YEAR 7 PYGAME ZERO PROGRAMMING

On Monday a group of Year 7 students began their PyGame Zero programming course with Mulberry STEM Academy. The course will teach them the basics and introduce them to programming. In the first session students learned quickly how to create and colour different shapes. Over the next few weeks they'll be learning about moving shapes and actors, sound and animation and much more so that they can design and programme their own video games.



Year 7 & 8 DebateMate

On Wednesday 25th January 2023, eleven Year 7 and 8 pupils attended the Debate Mate Urban Debate League Round 1 at Ark Acton Academy. It was a stimulating evening, packed full of exciting debates and opportunities to speak to other schools. MAS brought two teams, who were pitted against schools from around London to debate Rishi Sunak's proposal of learning maths up to the age of 18 - even though some of our pupils personally

disagreed, they brought out their brilliant debating skills when they were required to agree with the Prime Minister, and debate on behalf of his proposal. Our pupils did a great job by winning two out of four of their debates, which has resulted in MAS being placed 6th out of 32 schools in the Novice Leaderboard! What an amazing achievement from our pupils.



Theatre company perform Macbeth

On Tuesday, all of Year 10 watched a performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth by theatre company, the Globe Players. It was a fantastic chance for students to see the text they are studying this term on stage. Lots of the students asked thoughtful questions in the Q&A which followed the performance.



ART



Year 12 art students have been developing hand building techniques in ceramics during their lessons this week.

TRAILFAM

Mr Stokes' TrailFam team were out on the trails on Thursday. The race team are preparing for their upcoming 10K @maverickrace in Hampshire.



TEEN IMMUNISATION SAVES LIVES
 Make sure you're protected #VACCINESWORK

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?

The kettle in Keith's kitchen is 80% full. After 20% of the water in it has been poured out, there are 1152ml of water left.
 What volume of water does Keith's kitchen kettle hold when it is full?

ANSWER: 1800ml
 20% of the 80% is 16% of the kettle's capacity. Therefore the volume of water left in the kettle after Keith has poured out 20% of the original amount is 64% of the kettle's capacity. So when full, the kettle holds $\frac{1152}{64} \times 100$ ml, that is 1800 ml.

★ Well done to this week's Problem of the week winner, Saidur Rahman (10G).

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SKI TRIP '24 TO SESTRIERE, ITALY 13TH-19TH JANUARY

Cost **£750** Pay in installments

44 PLACES AVAILABLE Y7-Y12

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.
- Full comprehensive insurance

ARE YOU INTERESTED? PLEASE SPEAK TO MS MCRILL

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The trip is organised by school tours