

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear families,

Hope you are well and keeping safe. We've had another busy week at Shoreditch and our Open Mornings have been very successful with loads of new families coming to see us every day! Thank you to those parents who have recommended family and friends to visit.

### **Year 7 Meet the Tutor**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, we are holding a Year 7 meet the tutor event. Year 7 parents should have received a letter with all relevant information. If not, please contact Mr Lynch – 020 7920 7900

### **Year 12 Meet the Team**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 we are holding a Year 12 Meet the Team event for all Year 12 students. Year 12 students have received information regarding this.

**If you cannot make this event, it is very important that you contact Ms Scales and rearrange an appointment time.**

### **Respect our staff**

At Mulberry Academy Shoreditch we will always try to address any queries or concerns that you may have and will always ensure that this is done in a professional and courteous manner. We ask that you engage positively with our staff and treat them with respect and courtesy at all times.

### **Flu immunisations**

The flu vaccine will be offered at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch this Autumn/ Winter - This year, Vaccine UK will again be offering the nasal spray as well as the gelatine free alternative which is an injection. The nasal spray is more effective for young people however, if you wish your child to receive the flu injection instead of the nasal spray, they will need to consent to the vaccination and then they are given the option of nasal spray or injection.

**To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:**

**<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/towerhamlets>**

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

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**Open Sessions**

This year we are running tours and presentations of the school at 9:15am Monday to Thursday. Please share these dates and times with your friends and family.

Please see below for a list of all dates:

**9:15am - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**9:15am - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Our Open Evening is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 6pm**

Yours faithfully



Ms Melissa Gibson  
Head of School

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

### Open morning for Year 5/6 Parents and children have begun

Our Open mornings have started with great success with lots of parents visiting the school every day! We have seen loads of new faces as well as familiar ones and want to thank everyone who has recommended Mulberry Academy Shoreditch to their family and friends. A big thank you to all the students involved in showing our prospective new



Year 7 students and their parents around the school! Our Open mornings will be running for a further 2 weeks and we look forward to meeting more families.

#### Open Mornings:

**Monday 25th - Thursday 28th September at 9:15am**

**Monday 2nd October - Thursday 5th October at 9:15am**

**Open Evening - Thursday 5th October - 4pm - 6pm**

### IQM - Inclusion Quality Mark - we are a flagship school

On Tuesday we had a visit from Candice Frederick from Inclusion Quality Mark. Candice loved what she saw at the school and we are now a Flag Ship school. Candice looked at Inclusion in the school and Child Protection and our reading and speaking and Oracy work and our SEND work. A big well done to Ms Montgomerie who lead on this and also all of the staff involved in making the day run so smoothly.

Thank you,  
**Mrs Ruth Holden**,  
Executive Principal  
**Ms Melissa Gibson**,  
Head of School



## Sixth Form News

Our Y13 students took place in a workshop run by Wadham College, Oxford University this week in preparation for the university applications. Students learned to write an Oxbridge-level personal statement and got key tips for improving the first drafts of their personal statements. Students discussed many exemplar personal statements and looked at common mistakes when writing personal statements.

All of our Y13 students are busy with their university applications, with students setting their sights on a variety of courses and universities including Manchester, LSE, UCL, King's, Imperial, Bristol, Durham, Oxbridge, Bath and many others. We're looking forward to seeing the offers that they receive!

Enrichment Wednesdays got off to a great start with Year 12 students enjoying a wide range of activities such as Kickboxing, Art Therapy, Model UN, trail running, gym and



much more. See the next page for more photos.

The Mark Evison Foundation came in to talk to Year 12 about the great opportunities they offer - to fund and mentor student-led projects in order to to promote the personal development of young people.

## Durham visit

Our trip to Durham University holds a special place in our heart, as we had the opportunity to embark on an unforgettable trip to this prestigious institution. The campus, adorned with its magnificent architecture and nestled alongside a serene river, exuded an air of elegance and intellectual pursuit. As we ventured through the hallowed halls of Durham Castle and Cathedral, we felt transported to a bygone era, where history and knowledge intertwined harmoniously. The vibrant atmosphere, teeming with enthusiastic students, filled me with a sense of excitement and curiosity. Exploring Durham University was an experience that left an indelible mark on our soul, and we wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone seeking a captivating journey through academia and culture. The university was very beautiful and a must for those looking to take a break from overwhelming urban cities.

**Selena, Yasmin, Taiba and Anna**,  
Year 13



# Year 12 Enrichment

We had a great first week of Sixth Form enrichment sessions this week. Students started sessions in kayaking, kickboxing, basketball, trampolining, STEM, art therapy and Krav Maga to name a few. Our London Foodies Club went to Box Park to try out churros. The STEM group started to plan out their projects to achieve CREST Awards, Model UN students had an introduction into the world of United Nations and TrailFam went running in the torrential rain! Health and Social Care students also had the opportunity to meet and ask questions to two of our alumni students Amanda and Inaam who recently finished Year 13 and did exceptionally well in their Health and Social Care course. Students gained lots of insight from the girls and were asking Amanda lots of questions about her next academic journey of studying Midwifery at University.

We look forward to seeing all that Sixth Form Enrichment Wednesdays bring in the coming weeks.



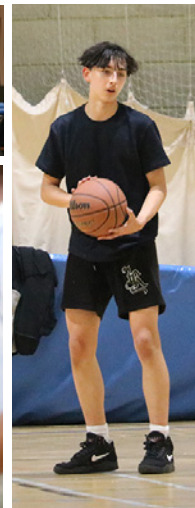
Trampolining



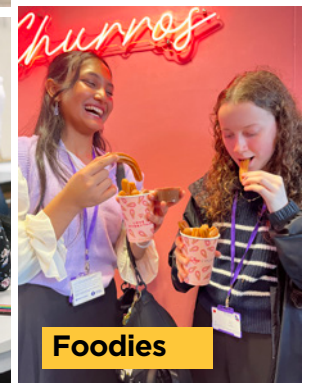
Basketball



Krav Maga



Art Therapy



Foodies



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Year 7 Meet the Tutor**  
Wednesday 27th  
September 2023

**Year 12 Meet the Team**  
Wednesday 27th  
September 2023

**Upcoming House Events**

**The Big Quiz**  
Thursday 28th September

**Dodgeball**  
Thursday 12th October

**Come along and join in!**

## Geography Field Trip

On Tuesday Year 11 GCSE Geography students went on a GCSE urban fieldwork trip to Canary Wharf/ Mudchute as part of the 3rd component of GCSE geography.

The purpose of the trip was to investigate the question 'What will be the differences between the CBD and Inner City in East London?' They did this by focusing on Environmental quality, Land use and Regeneration.

To investigate this question the students used a range of different qualitative and quantitative research methods such as Environmental Quality Surveys, Retail Surveys, Field sketches and pedestrian counts.





# Year 7 Food Tech

It was lovely to drop in on this Year 7 practical cooking lesson this week where students chopped an array of rainbow coloured vegetables to make a delicious and very healthy and nutritious couscous salad!



## First House Event of the Year!

Last Thursday, the Heads of House hosted the first house event of the year: a film screening in the library. We watched the new Disney film - Elemental- which was a huge hit!

Students were able to get comfy in the bean bags while enjoying juice and biscuits. It was a great event with around 50 students coming along! We can't wait to see the rest of the events this year. Our next event is The Big Quiz on Thursday 28th September. Groups of friends from all houses can come together to get quizzing and win the big prize. Look out for sign ups!



**WHAT'S ON**  
in your  
**Library**  
This term we're celebrating...

8th September International Literacy Day	13th September Rosa Parks Story Day	25th-28th September Banned Books Week
<b>October is Black History Month</b>	2nd-8th October Libraries Week	5th October National Poetry Day (Theme: Refuge)
1st-7th October Mental Health Awareness Week	12th-20th October London Literature Festival	Enjoy your library
12th October Harry Potter Book Day		
<b>National Non-Fiction November</b>		
2nd-8th November Dyslexia Awareness Week	11th November Remembrance Day	13th-17th November Anti-Bullying Week

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See Ms Nessa in the library for more details

**BIG HOUSE QUIZ**

Thursday 28th September in the Library  
3.30pm-4.45pm

Form a team of 6  
Your team members can be from any House

to take part collect and return the reply slip to the Head of House office by Wednesday 27th

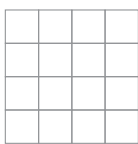


## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

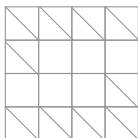
Sixteen unit squares are arranged to form a square array as shown in the diagram.

What is the maximum number of diagonals that can be drawn in these unit squares so that no two diagonals share a common point (including endpoints)?



**ANSWER: 10**

The most you can get is 10, eg:



Are you  
looking for  
a Secondary  
School place for  
September 2024?

Come and  
visit us....

### Three weeks of Open Mornings

Time: 9.15am

Mon 18th September - Thurs 21st September

Mon 25th September - Thurs 28th September

Mon 2nd October - Thurs 5th October

### Open Evening

Thursday 5th October  
4pm-6pm

We would love  
to meet you.

2023 Best GCSE  
results ever  
on attainment and  
progress by  
students

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!  
WORD OF THE WEEK

### Compassion

Noun

#### DEFINITION

A strong feeling of sympathy for someone who is suffering, and a desire to help them.

#### EXAMPLE

1. The boy showed compassion for the bird with the damaged wing.

2. Children who learn to feel compassion for others, won't tease, bully or be unkind to other children.

#### SYNONYMS

Kindness  
Sympathy

#### ANTONYMS

Cold-heartedness  
Heartlessness

#### CHARACTERISTICS

From the Latin 'com' = with + 'pati' = to suffer.

### Flu spray for years 7 to 11



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## SPORTS CLUBS

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#### MONDAY

AFTER SCHOOL  
3.40-4.30pm

YR8 Football

#### TUESDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL 7.45-8.30pm  
AFTER SCHOOL 3.40-4.30pm

Gym Before School 7.45-8.30pm  
Badminton

#### WEDNESDAY

AFTER SCHOOL  
3.40-4.30pm

GCSE intervention  
Girls Football

#### THURSDAY

AFTER SCHOOL  
3.40-4.30pm

Netball  
YR9 Football  
YR7 Football

#### FRIDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL  
7.30-8.30pm

Gym Before School 7.45-8.30pm

## HISTORY CLUB

FOR STUDENTS IN  
YEARS 10-13

EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME  
ROOM 211

#### GET READY TO TAKE PART IN

Learn more about the history of the local area whilst developing your public speaking skills

#### THE GREAT DEBATE

2024

A public speaking competition run by the Historical Association

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Please see Mr Sharples for more details

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## CHOIR

Sing, perform  
make new friends...

EVERY WEDNESDAY

AND FRIDAY

SIGN UP TODAY!

Speak to Mr Feasey or Mr Black for more info