

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear families,

Hope you are well and keeping safe. Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 13 Academic support evening on Tuesday. Well done to the Year 13 EPQ students for delivering their brilliant presentations on Monday afternoon. They should be really proud of everything they have achieved.

Thank you to the House team and all the students involved in the exciting House dodgeball tournament on Wednesday and we hope the Year 7 and 8 students have a brilliant time on their trip to Hindleap Warren this weekend!

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 17th October

On the 17th of October there will be a Year 11 Parents' Evening from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. The evening will be a great chance for you to have a discussion with your child's teachers regarding their targets, current grades and to discuss how you can aid your child's learning. A letter will be sent home with more information soon.

October Half-Term & Year 11 and 13 Intervention, Independent Study and Reading Week

The October half term begins on 23rd October and ends on Friday 3rd November 2023.

There is a Year 11 and 13 Intervention, Independent Study and Reading Week from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023. You will receive a letter if your child is required to come in.

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.

Yours faithfully



Ms Melissa Gibson
Head of School

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Executive Principal's and Head of School's News



It has been a busy but amazing week at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. We've had lots of trips, visits and events!

Talk from Anne Richards, CEO of Fidelity International

On 5th of October Anne Richards, CEO of Fidelity International came to speak to our Economics and Business



Studies students. Anne spoke about her career and studies. Students asked Anne interesting questions about working in the finance industry and what it is like to be a female CEO in a male dominated environment. I am so pleased that our students get the opportunity to meet successful guests across different industries.

Hot chocolate with Oxbridge students

On the 6th of October, Oxbridge applicants were invited to have hot chocolate and cake with me. We had some lovely conversations about their future aspirations and I wish them the best of luck with their applications.

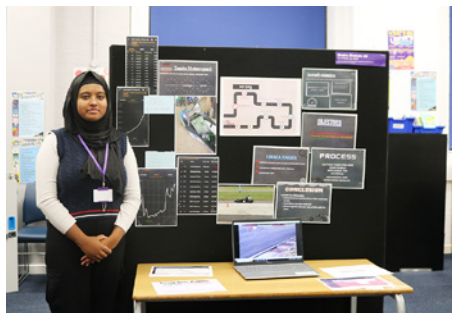
Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Head of School



Sixth Form News

On Monday afternoon students taking their Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ) put up displays of their work and gave presentations in the Library where they were assessed and then staff and parents were invited to see all the hard work they have put in.

On Wednesday, we launched our Top Scholars Group, made up of students who received the top grades on their summer mocks. The program will offer students extra support to help them gain attendance to a Russell Group university of their choice. We already have personal statement workshops and tuition lined up, as well as a trip to the University of Bath. We are looking forward to working



with these students to help them achieve A*s and As!

Enrichment sessions are going well with students enjoying their chosen activities which include kickboxing (right), Model UN, art therapy, basketball, film club, kayaking and much more.



Tuesday evening's Year 13 Academic Support Evening was an opportunity for students and their parents came into school to meet with their teachers and discuss progress so far this academic year.

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WORD

OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Tenacious

adjective

DEFINITION

Holds tightly onto something. Is determined to do something even when it becomes difficult.

EXAMPLE

- The baby took my finger in its tenacious little fist.

- Peter was a tenacious interviewer; he insisted that the politician answered the question.

SYNONYMS

Persistent. Strong-willed. Relentless.

ANTONYMS

Half-hearted. Uncommitted. Hesitant.

CHARACTERISTICS

Pronounced like this 'tuh-NAY-shus.' Originates from the Latin word 'tenere' = to hold.

House trip to the Lakes

On Monday 2nd October 55 students from year 8 and 9 set off for 5 days of adventure in the Lake District. During the week students climbed waterfalls, rowed on a lake, jumped off cliffs and climbed and camped on some of the highest mountains in England! It was a challenging week where students supported each other and got to push themselves to their limits!

Well done to everyone that came on the trip, you were all fantastic.



Drop Down Day

On Tuesday we had our first Drop Down Day of the year which was a great success, with all students from Year 7 - 13 completing workshops around Mental Health and Careers. With 10th October being 'World Mental Health Day', it was fitting to have our Mental Health Drop Day to co-inside with this. In addition to Mental Health and Careers, Year 7 had a workshop on Online Safety, Year 11 focused on revision strategies and Year 13 focused on UCAS applications.



Anne Richards visits MAS

On Thursday 5th October we had the pleasure of welcoming Anne Richards, CEO of Fidelity International here at MAS. She spoke to our students about her life and education as well as her career path from Engineering to leading a global finance company. She also talked about the work that Fidelity International do to help and advise its clients with investments.

Driven by her curiosity and her willingness to go beyond her comfort zone, she emphasised these skills and qualities as important in success and



life and advised students to grasp opportunities in life when they come along.

Our students asked some great questions, for example, about her experience as a woman in a male-dominated corporate world. They were really inspired by Anne's interesting and engaging talk and enjoyed listening to her life and career experiences.

A big thank you to Speakers for Schools for arranging this fantastic visit!

Global Girl Leading conference

On Wednesday 11th October a group of Y9, 10 and 12 girls visited Mulberry School for Girls to take part in the Global Girl Leading conference.

This was a wonderful event and our girls enjoyed a variety of guest speakers and the opportunity to work with a number of girls from different schools. Of particular interest was the panel discussing the portrayal of girls and women in the media with advice on how to get into the industry. All girls were also given the book 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama.



Dodgeball Fun



On Wednesday 11th October, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch saw it's famous House Dodgeball competition. Each house had 3 teams, each playing one match each. Overall, the winning team was Tate, with Globe in second place and Barbican in third! The students did brilliantly and had a great time.

Huge congratulations to everyone that took part



STEM CORNER

Year 8 STEM girls greatly enjoyed our trip to Palo Alto in Bishopsgate - the 55th floor gave fantastic views and we even managed to spot our school! In partnership with the NCSC CyberFirst Girls Competition, Palo Alto Networks ran a Capture the Flag event for year 8 girls from schools across London. We participated in trivia, puzzles, and digital forensics, providing a great insight to national cyber security and the importance of avoiding computer security threats. One of our groups even came second and were prized with amazon vouchers - well done Zahida, Alisa and Afia!



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Edith had nine children at regular intervals of 15 months. If the oldest is now six times as old as the youngest, how old is the youngest child?

ANSWER: 24 months, or 2 years



GREENPOWER

Well Done!

Goodwood '23

We had a fantastic end to the GreenPower season at the International Final at Goodwood Race Circuit on Sunday October 8th. After coming in the top 3 at all races this season, our all girls team, MAS 1, qualified for this event. After a very close hour long endurance race, we placed 4th out of 19 kit car teams. All students on the team are applying to university to study Engineering or Computer Science, and the skills learned throughout the competition will help them enormously in their degrees. Congratulations!



Flu spray for years 7 to 11

If you would like your child to receive the flu spray /vaccination, can you complete the online consent form.

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHAT'S ON IN THE LIBRARY

Get involved in a research project for students of all year groups. Come and join in with activities.

Write poetry and read your poems to others in assembly. Come and watch documentaries and booktuber recommendations on black authors.

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★ SEE MS NESSA FOR MORE INFO

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch YEARS 9 & 10

WRITE A PLAY

WITH MR BOWER

Have a story you want to tell? Want to learn about the power of the theatre?

Over Autumn and Spring term, we will explore the fundamentals of playwriting.

By the end of the club, you will have written a 30-minute play and have it performed in front of an audience.

The club will include: fun & games, guest speakers, theatre trips and much more

Wednesdays, 3.45 pm Room: 202

Please speak to Mr Bower for more information

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HOMEWORK CLUB

every Tuesday and Thursday

after school 3.30-4.15pm

Location LRC/Library

Homework club is for all students in years 7,8 and 9

ask Ms Uddin or Ms Begum (Inclusion) for more information