

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear families,

Hope you are well and keeping safe. Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was a brilliant event with almost every Year 11 Parent/Carer in attendance! I wish you a wonderful and restful half term break.

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

The October half term begins on Monday 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.

Cold weather

The weather is getting colder now – please ensure your child has a suitable coat in line with our school uniform policy (Plain black or navy waterproof outdoor coat).

Uniform Standards

Students must wear their blazers around the school building at all times. If you have a child in Sixth Form, please remind them to wear their lanyards.

Respect our staff

We would like to thank our parents and community for their support so far this year. We are always grateful for support, and positive engagement. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that our staff have the right to be treated with dignity without the risk of threatening behaviour or violence. They are here to help you. We will not tolerate any verbal abuse and aggressive behaviour towards any of our staff, in person or over the phone.

Yours faithfully



Ms Melissa Gibson
Head of School

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Executive Principal's and Head of School's News



We have had a fantastic week at the school this week with loads going on

We have had different Authors coming in to the school as we celebrate Black History month and it was lovely that Virginia Primary school could join us. We have poetry workshops as part of the Societies English and Arts group. This week has been a very Arts centred week with



the Orchestra practising and hosting the rehearsal of the Trust choir and orchestra event well done Mr Feasey along with the Trust Sports event - well done Ms Pitts.



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



Sixth Form News

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!



Also this week, we sent off 8 applications for Medicine and Oxford/Cambridge where students have applied to study Maths, Law and English Literature. Well done to Ibadur, Simra, Fahim, Tajwar, Saima, Tasnim and Nuzhat for sending off some really strong applications! And a big thank you to their teachers for

writing strong references for our students!

Twelve Year 13 girls kick-started their Financial and Literacy Programme in collaboration with Rock the Street, Wall Street! Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is the first coeducational school in the UK to offer the Programme, which includes six financial and literacy workshops to learn more about savings, investments and budgeting; and a field trip to BlackRock, a multinational investment organisation in London! The girls are very enthusiastic to discuss and learn about real world application of the STEM subjects they're learning in their classrooms to develop life-long financial skills!

Year 13 Health and Social Care cohort went out on work experience this half term. Placements included GPs, Pharmacies, Hospice and Nursing



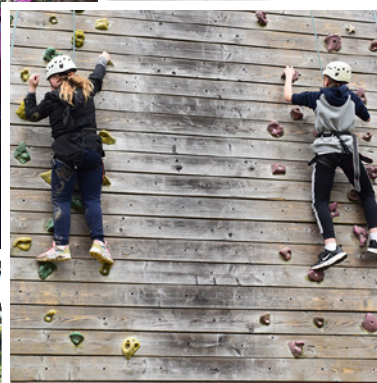
homes across East and North London. We received some fantastic feedback from placements who were impressed with the level of professionalism and commitment displayed by our students at MAS. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this expressed and gained skills and knowledge which will support them in writing up their coursework'



Year 12 students went to the Florence Nightingale museum as part of their Health and Social Care Insights enrichment.

Adventures at Hindleap Warren

Last weekend a big group of Year 7 students spent an exciting weekend at Hindleap Warren outdoor Centre. They enjoyed activities such as climbing, axe throwing and the crate challenge. They also explored the vast woodland sloshing through muddy streams in their wellies and waterproofs and gathered around campfires after dark. As well as getting to know each other better they worked together really well and made the most of being outdoors. A big thank you to all the teachers who took the students to Hindleap – they had a great weekend too!



Politics Society Walk

On Wednesday this week, the Politics Society took their first trip of the year with a walking tour around Westminster, the heart of political power in the UK. Students from MAS were joined by students Mulberry School for Girls and Mulberry Stepney Green as we spent over two hours looking at the key political sights such as the Houses of Parliament, No. 10 Downing Street and Westminster Abbey. Students had a wonderful time and asked some really interesting questions. We look forward to more exciting trips throughout the year!



Art club

In art club students have been making miniature suitcases out of matchboxes and colour paper. Each suitcase contains a tiny envelope with a positive message.

Art Club is every Wednesday after school in Room 402. Come and join in!



This half term in the Library

It's been a busy half term in the MAS library! We celebrated Roald Dahl Day, Banned Books Week, National Poetry Day and Black History Month. We appointed new library monitors, set up a school council library group and much more... we can't wait for an exciting half term ahead!



Black History Month

Throughout October students at MAS have been celebrating Black History Month both in lessons and at lunchtimes in the library.

They watched short documentaries about key Black History events in the UK and they created posters inspired by what they learned and by their own research using the books available in the library.



On Monday there was a Black History Month poetry workshop in the Library after school. Students wrote some brilliant poems and some will be entered into a competition. Throughout the week there was a treasure hunt where students had to look for posters of influential black women and find out some key facts for their answer sheet.



Abiola Bello visits MAS

30 year 5 students from Virginia Primary school and 15-year 7s from MAS attended a talk by Abiola Bello, a bestselling and award-winning author. Students listened to Abiola's journey into creating stories and how

she became an author, as well as creating her own publishing house for diverse books. Abiola Bello is also well known for establishing The Diverse Book awards which has introduced and highlighted authors of different backgrounds to a wide range of individuals. A Q&A was held after the talk with Abiola taking questions from students from Virginia primary school and students from MAS. Year 7s had also stayed back to complete a storytelling workshop with Abiola and thoroughly enjoyed being competitive with their peers and creating and telling their story to each other.



UCL Personal Statement workshop



Our Top Scholars and A Level Computer Science students took place in a workshop run by UCL to support them in writing their personal statements. Students saw a number of examples of both good and bad personal statements and considered how to "show it, don't say it" in their statements. Students will be submitting their UCAS applications in November and December. This group is applying to the top unis in the country, including Durham, Bath, Bristol, Manchester, Oxford, Leeds, Cambridge, Imperial, Kings, UCL, and many more!

STEM CORNER

Our Y8 computer science students are busy learning Python Turtle coding. The Turtle library is used to draw images using code. Through this, students learn key programming skills, including iteration, variables and subprograms. Well done to Zahidah Choudhury who worked out how to draw this shape using nested for loops today! We're looking forward to seeing what else the students can create using these new skills.



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

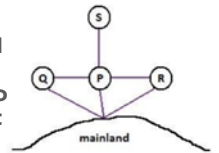
Neda decided to take the ferry from the mainland to visit the four islands P, Q, R and S.

The island Q can be reached by ferry only from island P or from the mainland. Ferries connect islands P and R, and each of them with the mainland. Island S only has a ferry connection with island P.

What is the smallest number of ferry journeys that Neda needs to take in order to visit all the islands and return to the mainland.

SOLUTION:

To visit S requires a journey from P to S and one back. To visit P, Q and R and return to the mainland requires at least 4 journeys, so at least $2+4=6$ journeys are required to visit all four islands and return



i 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>



Year 8 students enjoyed bowling - their reward trip for this half term!

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WORD OF THE WEEK

WOW!

Fundamental

DEFINITION

1. A basic rule or principle
 2. An essential part

EXAMPLE

Hard work and determination are fundamental to success.
 Knowing times tables is fundamental to mathematics.
 The fundamental elements of our planet's environment are water and air.

SYNONYMS

Essential
 Basis
 Necessary

ANTONYMS

Insignificant
 Unimportant

CHARACTERISTICS

Something that cannot be missed out.
 The main reason/part of something.