

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear families,

I hope you are well. It was lovely to meet Year 7 parents at the Coffee Morning on Monday. Thank you to all families who attended Year 9 Options Evening.

Winter Fayre

Our annual Winter Fayre is going to take place on Thursday 14th December 2023 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. We hope to see you and your family there. A letter from the House Team with further details can be found on the school website: <http://www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Winter-Fayre-Letter-201123.pdf>

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). Hoodies are not allowed inside the school gates and any seen will be confiscated.

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 lanyard.

Respect our staff

Our staff have the right to be treated with dignity at all times 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. 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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Schools Trust



Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

Year 7 Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you to Mr Lynch and Ms Armstrong for the lovely coffee morning on Monday. It was lovely to meet parents and get their feedback and their views. It was also nice to get ideas on how we can do more for our Parents; a Quiz night for Year 7 and 8 Parents and a cooking competition – all to come – watch this space.....



Author's Workshop

60 students from year 8 and 9 attended the Neil Gaiman livestream event as part of an event organised by the British library, Fantasy: Realms of imagination exhibition which has recently opened to the public. Neil

Gaiman, a bestselling author of numerous books and comics such as Coraline and Sandman talked about the numerous books he has written, as well as how he started off as a writer. Neil Gaiman focused much of his talk



Year 11 and 13 Mocks

These have now begun – good luck to all of our students with this very important couple of weeks.

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



SAVE THE DATE

Trust Sports competition

**Wednesday 6th December
9am-11.30am**

Winter Arts Festival

**Wednesday 13th
December
3.3pm-5pm**

Sixth Form News

Last Friday, we took 14 of our Y13 students to visit the University of Bath. Students had a great day and learned a lot about the university experience, especially seeing what it means to study outside of London! We had a tour of the campus, including the amazing sports facilities, teaching rooms, cafes and accommodation. Students then attended a talk about the transition to university, where they considered student loans and the challenges and support available to them when leaving home. At the end of the day, students had a chance to ask current students questions about their



experience - questions ranged from the cuisines available on campus to a typical day in the life of a university student. Before coming back to London, students explored around Bath city on a beautiful fall day.

Applications are now open for our Sixth Form.

If you're in Year 11 or have friends/family in Year 11 you can apply online. Scan the QR code here!



SCAN ME

UCAS UPDATE

As of 22nd November, we have nearly 30 applications sent off. The offers are continuing to come in quickly from a number of universities. Highlights this week include offers for:

- Mechanical Engineering at Oxford Brookes
- Music and Sound Design and Royal Holloway
- Anthropology at Bournemouth
- Music and Languages and Culture at SOAS
- Civil Engineering at City
- Computer Science at City
- Mechanical Engineering at City
- Biomedical Sciences at Queen Mary

We also have students who have received interviews at Cambridge for Maths and Oxford for Law.

If you are a Y13 student and haven't applied yet, please speak to your form tutor to get this sent off as soon as possible!

Year 7 climbing sessions

The second group of Year 7 students had their first climbing session at Shadwell Basin on Thursday. They were all very confident and having fun scaling the climbing walls. They're looking forward to next week's session!



A Trip to the Greater London Authority

International
Studies and
Politics Society
with
SOAS
University of London

Last Friday the Politics Society took the DLR to the office of the London Mayor at Royal Docks. Students were treated to a fantastic session about the history of London, the role of the mayor and some key issues for London at present. One of the highlights was that the students were able to sit in the place where the London Assembly meets and talk about issues that are important to them. Students from all three schools were amazing and had some really interesting ideas. We definitely have some budding politicians in the Trust!



House news

This week has seen a whole school push to celebrate Anti-Bullying week! In House form time, students have been learning all about this year's theme, entitled, 'make noise about bullying', and how we as a school can support each other and stop bullying at all levels. There have been brilliant speeches given by students in assembly and the week has finished off with an incredibly successful bake sale to raise money for the Anti-bullying Alliance. Well done to everyone involved.



The Great Debate

On Wednesday 21st November Fahmida Rashid in Year 12 travelled to Elms Academy in Clapham to take part in the Great Debate, a public speaking competition run by the Historical Association. Fahmida confidently delivered a passionate and thoughtful speech making the case for the historical significance of the Brick Lane mosque. She focused on what the building reveals about the local area, having served as a focal point for Huguenot, Jewish and Bengali migrant communities since the 18th century. Although she did not make it through to the next round it was a fantastic experience of speaking in public and competing against students from a wide range of other schools around London.



On the trails with **TRAILFAM**

It has been an incredible week of trail running at MAS. We have had year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students take to the trails. After some very high-level tryouts, TrailFam now has its famous race team too! The race team athletes have been working hard in training before and after school and will continue their training 3-4 times per week before their first 10km trail race in January!



Skills for life

Last Friday 30 x year 12 students took part in the first session of the Words for Work programme in conjunction with the National Literacy Session. The programme, taking place over 5 weeks, will focus on the skills students will need to prepare for life over Sixth Form, particularly relating to words needed for work. The first session was on networking and students completed an activity with 7 representatives from IPSOS. Everyone is very much looking forward to the continuation of this programme where we will be focussing on skills such as CV writing, interviews and creating effective pitches.



House Events

Thursday 23rd November

House Spelling Bee (Parents of participants welcome)

Thursday 7th December

House Table Tennis Tournament (Parents of participants welcome)

Thursday 14th December

Winter Fair (all students and families welcome plus more information on how parents can get involved to come)

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JOIN THE READATHON

READ AS MANY BOOKS AS YOU CAN FROM THE LIBRARY.

Readathon will run from **6th November to 21st December**

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

How many can you read?

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED COME AND TAKE A CHECKLIST FROM MIS NESSA IN THE LIBRARY.

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HOUSE TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2023

COLLECT A LETTER FROM THE HOUSE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE

The Mulberry Academy Shoreditch House Team Presents the

Winter Fayre

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER FROM 4:30PM-6:30PM

DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS WITH GREAT PRIZES! ARTS AND CRAFTS Henna, The Grotto and much more

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX



After so many fantastic applications to the Mulberry STEM Academy in partnership with Mercedes F1, we interviewed a number of shortlisted applicants in Year 10 and Year 12 this week. As part of their group interview, students had to talk about themselves for a minute, describe the presentation they made as part of their application, give three words to describe themselves and explain why they should be chosen to be part of the STEM Academy. All of the students did so well, and teachers walked away proud to work with the students! Best of luck to all students who will find out if they were accepted in the coming days.

English Society trip

English Literature and the Arts Society with UCL

The English Society went to see a production of Roald Dahl's 'The Witches' at the National Theatre on Wednesday this week. It was a great performance with lots of singing, dancing and funny moments and some amazing child actors too!

'I found 'The Witches' a new, amazing and interesting show. I loved how the grand witch tried to relate with the parents by insulting the children. I would recommend the show to everyone who has the chance to see it' - Bianca, 9A

'The Witches play was really fun and enjoyable. The lighting and effects were done really well. The actors performed amazingly and portrayed the story really well. My favourite character was the hotel manager and I would recommend this play to everyone!' - Keira, 9F



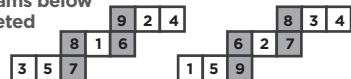
MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Each of the numbers 1 to 9 is to be placed in a different cell of the grid shown so that the sum of the three numbers in each row is 15. Also, the sum of the two numbers in each shaded column is to be 15.

How many choices are there for the number to be placed in the central cell indicated by *?

ANSWER: The sum of the two numbers in each shaded column is 15. Therefore, one of these columns contains the numbers 7 and 8, while the other column holds the numbers 6 and 9. Note also that two of these numbers, one from each column, combine with the number in the central cell to sum to 15. This is possible only if the number in the central cell is 1 and the shaded numbers in the central row are 6 and 8 or if the number in the central cell is 2 and the shaded numbers in the central row are 6 and 7. The diagrams below show how the grid may be completed correctly with either 1 or 2 in the central cell, though these are not the only ways of doing so.



Flu vaccinations for Years 7-11

If your child has missed a vaccination offered in school, they can still receive the vaccination by attending a local clinic.

To receive any of the below vaccinations, please either email: appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 02076139422

Fri 1st December, 3:30pm – 5:30pm Gough Walk
Tue 5th December, 3:30pm – 5:30pm East London Mosque
Tue 2th December, 3:30pm – 5:30pm Suttons Wharf
Thur 14th December, 3:30pm – 5:30pm Gough Walk

Tate Reward Trip to the Tate Modern

19 members of Tate house enjoyed a trip to Tate Modern on Wednesday.

We walked over the Millennium bridge – finding some unexpected chewing gum artworks on the way. We took pictures in front of Shakespeare's Globe, in front of the Thames and looked at Tower Bridge – of course we took our best picture in front of Tate! We had hot chocolate (and chocolate bars) outside Tate Modern.

We found the huge artwork in the Turbine Hall by Ghanaian artist El Anatsui fascinating it was made from recycled bottles and packaging. We looked at 'The Snail' by Henri Matisse and 'Whaam!' by Roy Lichtenstein. We finished our visit by heading up to the Level 10 Viewing Terrace to look at the skyline – we spotted the Shard, the Cheesegrater, St. Paul's, and Wembley Stadium. On the way home we even saw the President of South Korea in his diplomatic car.

We would like to thank Miss Lindsay for organising such a wonderful and amazing trip.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Ambiguous

adjective

DEFINITION

Having more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally. Not clear.

EXAMPLE

1. The politician gave an ambiguous answer.
 2. If you don't use the correct grammar the meaning can be a bit ambiguous and lead to confusion.

SYNONYMS

Unclear, Uncertain, Puzzling, Doubtful

ANTONYMS

clear, obvious, precise

CHARACTERISTICS

Ambi = Latin prefix meaning 'both'.
 'ambiguity' is the noun form of the word.