

The Sixth Form

Scoop

Welcome to the first Sixth Form Scoop of the Year

It has been an exceptionally busy start to the year and there have been many events, opportunities and enrichment activities that our sixth formers have been taking advantage of. Not only have students made an amazing start to lessons they have also had the opportunity to go on many trips including to Middlesex University, Queen Mary's University, BT Group 'Get Work Ready' event (Batula in Year 13 even got to meet the CEO of BT!), KMPG and the University of Cambridge.

We have had numerous guest speakers visit the school to share their experiences with our students.

Fifteen Year 13 girls have taken part in a six-week programme, called Rock the Street, Wall Street Financial and Investment Literacy Programme including a trip to the City to complete a challenging investment literacy programme!

Our Student Leadership team were recently elected and they have introduced themselves on page 2-3.

Diana Lita, our Head Girl in Year 12 has been successful in her application to the Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science Programme with the Sutton Trust! It was a challenging process, with hundreds applying for 15-20 positions.

We continue to arrange work experience opportunities with our students. These have included working with Teach First, Barristers in the City as well as many more.

Our Sixth Form is very welcoming and inclusive and our new Mulberry students have settled in so well it feels like they have been with us their whole school career.

We look forward to next term and all that is ahead for our Sixth Form!

Year 12 Scholarships

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who won a Sixth Form Scholarship Award on Monday 4th December!

The quality of the written pieces, artwork and film that they submitted were fantastic, with interesting pieces on books and people that have been inspiring or challenges that have been faced. There were 20 awards in total with prizes of either £500 or £250. We are look forward to hearing about how they decide to spend the money awarded to enrich their life and learning! Well done to: Aliya Choudhury, Amaal Mohamed, Daiyan Ali Saif, Diana Lita, Ericka Kasongo, Fatima Sikder, Hasan Ahmed, Iusha Tabassum Hoque, Jasiel Odewole, Mahek Yasmin,

Maisha Begum, Maysa Noor, Mehreen Chowdhury, Nadim Islam, Patricia, Elizabeth Alcindor, Sajida Haleema, Tanjina Begum, Tayha Reyad, Waseem Ahmed and Zara Isma Rakib.



Art Therapy enrichment

By Lorena Ostaci

Enrichment art therapy is an absolute game-changer. Since joining MAS, this creative journey has become my weekly highlight. It's not just a session, it's an escape and I eagerly look forward to every moment of it.

In the whirlwind of full-time A level studies, it can be a real energy drain but Art Therapy is my stress-soothing remedy. It's an escape that turns exhaustion into inspiration. This creative sanctuary is the perfect antidote to the overwhelming academic demands.

You might be curious, "What's the buzz about art therapy?" Let me tell you. Picture this: weeks filled with the enchantment of number painting. It's a magical process with the canvas,



numbers, and vibrant transformation. Precision is key, and as the brush glides, the stress of the day fades away. It's not just painting; it's a mindful escape. Whether I'm painting or chatting to my wonderful friends, art therapy is the place to be.

For those of you navigating through Year 12 and pondering your next enrichment, let me guarantee that choosing Art Therapy is a decision you won't regret!

Head Girl and Head Boy

Introducing our newly elected Head Girl and Head Boy, Diana and Titi:



It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I step into the role of Head Girl for this academic year. My name is Diana, and I have been going to this school since Year 7. Throughout the years, I've developed a deep connection with our school's values, spirit, and vibrant community.

I study biology, chemistry, and psychology, subjects which I thoroughly enjoy, and I invite you all to approach me anytime if you have any questions about these subjects or even if your just curiosities about sixth form life. I'm here to share insights and lend a helping hand whenever needed.

I'm very excited as I embark on this journey to initiate positive changes and represent your collective voice. I'm eager to foster an environment where each one of us feels heard, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Let's make this academic year a memorable one together.

Warm regards, Diana



My name is Titi Hassan and I am Head boy for 2023/24. I study BTEC Sport which is equivalent to two A-Levels alongside A-Level English Literature and I have been attending Mulberry Academy Shoreditch since the end of Year 9. Initially when I joined the school I felt anxious about making new friends and settling in, however, the hospitality from both students and teachers made me feel welcomed and proud to have joined Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. I feel honoured to have been given this position so that I can give back to the school that welcomed me and allowed me to grow into a better person. I look forward to enhancing inclusivity for all students and fostering a community at MAS where everyone feels engaged and supported by one another.

UCAS Update

Over 100 of our Y13 students have already applied to university on UCAS to a range of courses and universities, both in and out of London.

Students worked hard on their personal statements, with many receiving extra tuition, and we've had praise from external organizations about the high quality of them!

As a result, we've already had a lot of amazing offers coming in, including:

- University of Bristol: Anthropology, Childhood Studies
- Cardiff University: International Relations and Politics
- Durham University: Anthropology, Mechanical Engineering and Natural Sciences
- King's College London: Biomedical Sciences and Electronic Engineering
- University of Leeds: Civil & Structural Engineering
- University of Liverpool: Civil & Structural Engineering
- Loughborough University: Civil Engineering
- University of Manchester: Computer Science, Maths
- Newcastle University: Computer Science
- University of Nottingham: Computer Science, Politics & International Relations

- Queen Mary University: Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Economics, English, Maths, Mechanical Engineering, Pharmacy, Psychology
- University of Sheffield: Music & Modern Languages & Cultures
- SOAS: Accounting & Finance, Economics, Law, Music & Culture
- University of Warwick: Mechanical Engineering
- University of York: Computer Science

In addition to these offers, and the many, many others students have received, we also had 3 students interview at Cambridge for Mathematics, Oxford for English Lit and Oxford for Law. We are eagerly awaiting the results from these interviews!

We also have many students applying for degree apprenticeships. Students are currently progressing through the application process at EY, Santander and KPMG for Consulting and Finance Degree Apprenticeships.



Sixth Form Leaders

Deputy Head Girl

Hello! I am Lorena Ostaci and I am delighted to be the Deputy Head Girl for this academic year. As an external student I am absolutely thrilled to be given this role. I aim to inspire and empower others to achieve their full potential and hope to embrace the responsibility of representing our school community with unity and a shared sense of achievement.

Currently, I am studying three A levels: Psychology, Criminology and Spanish. If you have any queries about what you want to do in the future or simply have any suggestions or ideas on how to develop our community I would be more than happy to help.

I am thrilled to collaborate with such a wonderful team and I cannot wait to see what exciting new changes and ideas we will all bring to the table!

Deputy Head Boy

My name is John Zacharie Nemeno, and I am pleased to be your Deputy Head Boy for this academic year. I am an internal student who has been here since Year 7 and have had a deep connection to this school, thanks to the support and guidance of teachers and students as well.

Currently, I study 3 essay-based A-Levels: English Literature, History and Politics, all of which I have a strong passion for learning about. If any of you in the lower school or even in the Sixth Form wish to talk to me about these subjects, I would be more than happy to do so.

I am greatly honoured to have been granted this position, and I assure you that I will do my utmost best to work with you as students and as equals to better this school and propel it to even greater heights.

Lower School Lead

I am Fahmida Rashid and I have the honour of being your Lower School Lead for the 2023/24 academic year.

I am an A-Level student and I study English Literature, History and RE - subjects which I am highly enthusiastic about and would like to promote to anyone who has a keen interest in the humanities.

I first joined this school in year 9, which was a very difficult first experience due to COVID and learning from home. However, throughout my three years at this school, I was able to gain exposure to a diverse and welcoming

community, along with relishing the numerous experiences and opportunities gifted by our school.

As your Lower School Lead, I will strive to ensure that your voices are heard and those of you who have aspirations or ambitions can have access to experiences and ways of getting to where you want to be. As I have the pleasure to work with all of you, I have no doubt that we will be able to establish a community where we can express ourselves and advocate for what we feel most strongly about.

I look forward to experiencing this journey with all of you and creating unforgettable memories and promising impacts for MAS.

Student Voice Lead

Hi everyone! I'm Habiba Miah and I study English Literature, History and Politics.

I hold the role of Student Voice Lead. With this position granted to me, I aim to represent the students of this school, being your spokesperson and standing for what you stand for.

I'm thrilled to be able to work with all of you in the future and look forward to being your Voice.

Extra-curricular Lead

Hello, my name is Adeshola Oladimeji and I have been elected as the Extra-curricular Lead in the Sixth Form Leadership team. I joined the school in September and I'm currently studying business BTEC. I am really looking forward to carrying out my duty, being a part of a great team and am excited to see what the future holds for us. The school has been really welcoming and supportive since I have been here which is something I'm very grateful for and I'm looking forward to giving back to the school community.

Curriculum Lead

Hey! I am Fatima Sikder the current Curriculum Lead in the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. My role consists of working with students and teachers to see ways of bettering lessons. I joined the school in September and I study three A-Levels which are English Literature, Politics and Government and French. Upon my arrival to this school I felt apprehensive to being in a completely new place, however this school has proven me the complete opposite. I feel really privileged to be a part of the Leadership Team and look forward to working with you all.

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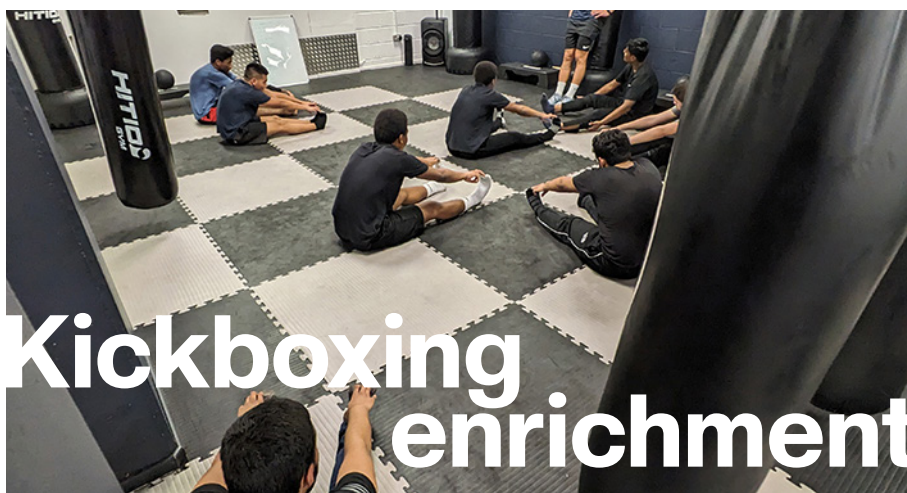
Bath University Trip

by Aiman Shafiq

A group of Year 13s gained the chance to visit Bath University's dynamic and diverse campus during a campus tour. Upon exploring, we saw a variety of facilities: 24-hour library, gym, restaurants, cafés, Olympic style pool, courts, chaplaincy, bars, athletic tracks, judo dojos etc. The universities contemporary layout and cosy study areas produced a favourable atmosphere for studying and research. The tour guide also emphasised the University's dedication to student achievement by highlighting the range of support services provided, including study skills workshops and academic advisors.

We proceeded to go inside the busy student union building, which

was a hive of activity. The variety of organisations and groups that catered to a wide spectrum of passions and interests astounded me. The tour guide underlined how crucial extracurricular activities are to improving the university experience. Furthermore, we received a UCAS workshop, which provided tips and advice for applying to university, e.g. telling us about personal statements and student bursaries. To end the day, we got to spend an hour at the Bath town shopping centre. All things considered, I came away from my visit to Bath University with a clear sense of an energetic and encouraging environment where students are encouraged to achieve academic success while also taking use of all that university has to offer.



Participating in kick boxing sessions has been a holistic journey for me. On the physical front, it's been a game-changer – improving my health, enhancing overall fitness, and helping me achieve a sense of body confidence. The dynamic nature of kick boxing keeps workouts engaging, preventing monotony during my time at this school.

Beyond the physical benefits, there's a significant mental and emotional component. The sessions serve as a stress-reliever, offering a cathartic outlet that contributes to an improved mood and mental well-being. The camaraderie with friends during these sessions adds a social dimension, making the experience not just about working out but also about shared enjoyment and mutual support. Overall, kickboxing has become a cornerstone of my time here this term.

Model UN Conference

by Fahmida Rashid

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December students from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch attended a Model UN conference.

Model UN is a simulation of the United Nations, where people take part in a conference and take on the position of being delegates for their chosen country and learn more about diplomatic relations and ways to solve problems which the world face.

MUN is split into crisis and committee; in crisis, everything is more spontaneous and quite unpredictable, and delegates must be able to think on their feet. Committee on the other hand, is more structured and predictable in comparison to crisis.

9 students from Year 12 had the opportunity to attend and had been preparing for the conference during our Sixth Form enrichment.

Through our experience in attending the MUN conference, we were able



to enhance our leadership and communication skills and educate ourselves on countries around the world and what problems they face. Furthermore, we were also able to socialise with external MUN members who share similar interests and create new friendships with delegates from various year groups and schools. Through this, we were able to even promote diversity and the formation of a strong community.

After gaining this spectacular experience, I encourage all students in MAS to take part in MUN and step into the shoes of a nation's leader in a simulation of the United Nations.

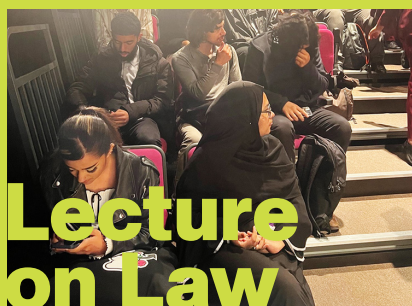
Sixth Form Leaders

Charity Ambassador

Hello, my name is Kaya Danaé Johnson and I am charity ambassador for 2023/24. I joined the school in September and I am currently studying three A-Levels: economics, psychology, and sociology. I am thrilled and deeply honoured to be a member of the Student Leadership Team as well as the MAS community. I look forward to organising various charity and fundraising events in the future, and I would be grateful to hear any suggestions and ideas as to how the leadership team can improve our community.

Mental Health/Well-being Ambassador

My name is Tanjina and my role in the sixth form leadership team is Mental Health/well-being ambassador. The subjects I am doing for A level are Biology, Psychology and English Literature. If you have any questions regarding well-being, I will be more than happy to help.



Lecture on Law
On 28th September, Mr Hibbs and 8 Sixth Form students attended a law Lecture at Mulberry School for Girls. The speaker was Leslie Thomas KC, a professor of Law and practicing barrister who specialises in claims against police and public authorities. This talk served as the inaugural lecture of a new bespoke programme of academic lectures for KS5 students across the Trust. Our students were captivated by Professor Thomas's insights into a long and varied legal career. In particular, his accounts of overcoming adversity in early life and reaching the status of King's Counsel - the highest level of advocacy in the UK. Hopefully this talk emboldened our student's confidence to pursue a career in Law.

Enrichment Wednesdays

As well as Philosophy and Kick boxing, Year 12 students have enjoyed a wide and varied range of enrichment activities throughout this term.

The Art Therapy class has been popular and a very focussed group of students have been participating in our martial arts session. The kayaking group have embraced their sessions at Laburnum Boat Club and the London Foodies group have sampled food from different cultures in our diverse community.



Basketball and trampolining sessions have been energetic and enjoyable and the Health and Social Care students went to the Young V&A museum where they explored the development of childhood in Britain and how childhood can be seen as a social construct.



We look forward to next term and a wealth of opportunities for Year 12 students to experience and learn new skills and develop their interests and talents outside of their classrooms.