

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

### Christmas at Shoreditch

With only 10 days left now before we break up - on Monday Year 7 students decorated or 'dressed' the trees at the school to make a festive feel. The trees have been placed all around the school with fairy lights to make a lovely warm atmosphere - thank you to Ms Allister for this.



### Trust Sports event

On Wednesday Mulberry Academy Shoreditch hosted the winter Trust Sports event - sausage rolls and mince pies, candy bars, inflatables and even fake snow were part of the event and Year 8 students from schools across the Trust competed at Bench Ball. It was really nice to see Mulberry Woodside competing for their first Trust Sports event.

Well done to Ms Pitts

for leading this event - it was magical!

### Year 12 Student Leadership

On Tuesday our newly elected Year 12 student leadership group had lunch with senior staff

A lovely occasion to celebrate and talk through some things that they will work on in the school - including a student led drop down day!!!

Well done to all

Thank you,  
**Mrs Ruth Holden**,  
Executive Principal

**Ms Melissa Gibson**,  
Head of School



## Sixth Form News

### 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.

### Sixth Form Leaders

**Diana Lita**, Head Girl, **Titi Hassan**, Head Boy, **Adeshola Oladimeji**, Extra-curricular Lead, **Fahmida Rashid**, Lower School Lead, **Fatima Sikder**, Curriculum Lead, **Habiba Miah**, Student Voice, **Iusha Tabassum Hoque**, Diversity Leader, **John Zacharie Nemeny**, Deputy Head Boy, **Kaya Danar Johnson**, Fundraising/Charity Co-ordinator, **Lorena Ostaci**, Deputy Head Girl and **Tanjina Begum**, Mental Health Ambassador/Wellbeing Leader

## UCAS UPDATE

As of 7th December we have nearly 75 applications sent off to universities, with many more on the way. We've continued to receive excellent offers from a range of unis and courses. Some highlights this week include offers for:

- Biomedical Sciences at King's
- Aviation Operations with Pilot Training at Kingston
- Mechanical Engineering at Brunel
- Midwifery at Kingston
- Accounting and Finance at Greenwich
- Biological Sciences at Queen Mary
- Accounting and Finance at SOAS

Our Oxbridge candidates all completed their interviews at the beginning of the week. We're excitedly waiting to hear back from Maths at Cambridge, Law at Oxford and English Lit at Oxford.

Thanks to Mr Hibbs and Mr Griffiths for running the UCAS stall in the street on Thursday, where many students have been going to get support with personal statements and send off their applications!



# Trust Sports Tournament

On Wednesday we hosted a Trust sports event, welcoming students from Mulberry School for Girls and Mulberry Woodside as well as our own students. The MAS choir opened the festive-themed event with some beautiful singing and everyone enjoyed the competition, with our Year 7 audience cheering them on.



Applications  
are now open  
for our  
Sixth Form.



## Creative cooks!

In Food Tech and Hospitality this week students made a Chicken curry and a Carrot and coriander soup, with particular focus on their preparation skills and presentation skills. Well done to Kian, Tamara, Youcef, Anisa and Jack in Year 8. Dawoud, Carlos and Ronnie in Year 10 for their creativity and enthusiasm in lessons.



## Workshop at St Hilda's

On Wednesday 6th December we took a lovely group of year 7 students to St Hilda's community centre. They took part in a disability awareness workshop which taught them about different kinds of disabilities and why it's important to be inclusive. They had so much fun and are hoping to visit our local community centre again really soon. Thank you to Ms Ibrahim and Mr Chowdhury who supported with the trip.





# Trip to the British Library

A mixed group of 28 year 7, 8 and 9 students attended the Fantasy: Realms of imagination exhibition at the British Library on Wednesday. Students went through the exhibition with the library guide and created their own fantasy world with mythical creatures. Students enjoyed looking at the first copies of their favourite



fantasy books or handwritten work of their favourite authors such as Neil Gaiman and Lewis Carroll. As well as being able to look at fantasy maps and props which were used in various films such as Gandalf's staff from the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Students enjoyed the exhibition and spent some time in the gift shop as well.

*"I liked the modern interior of the British library and liked the whole aspect and environment and how the exhibition was set up to mirror fantasy aspects. The first Narnia map made a really big impression on me and I really liked the map of the fairy kingdom."* Benjamin James O'Berry 7F

## House News

It's been another busy House week as we enter the festive season. This week, we have been learning about fundraising during tutor time, with a particular focus on the charities we will be supporting through the annual Winter Fayre next week. Our foodbank collections are going strong



- we have had over 100 donations so far. We also had our Inter-House Table Tennis tournament last week which was a great success. The competition was fierce but Globe were ultimately victorious. Well done Fintan Broad-Murphy for clinching first place!



**Mulberry Academy Shoreditch** We're collecting items for Bethnal Green

# FOODBANK

**PLEASE DONATE if you can!**

Please bring in your donations from **Monday 4th December**

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Cereals (not 12 pack boxes)
- Disposable nappies
- Dried lentils
- Vegetable cooking oil
- Washing Powder
- Toilet rolls
- UHT Milk
- Rice (500g-1kg)
- Pasta (500g-1kg)
- Plastic bags
- Washing-up liquid
- Nuts, seeds, dried fruit
- Tinned vegetables and pulses (kidney beans, chick peas, potatoes, corned beef, sweetcorn etc)
- Instant coffee, Tea bags
- Peanut butter
- Sweet spread (jam, honey)
- Wraps
- Shampoo, Shower Gel
- Period Products
- Toothpaste
- and other speciality Christmas items!

Please don't bring donations of fresh food, food that has gone off or is expired. Please make sure all donations are on normal size tins/bags. No alcoholic drinks or tobacco. No cash.

All items will go to Bethnal Green Foodbank

Please donate long-life, non-perishable foods like tinned fruit, vegetables and meats. Also toiletries like toothpaste and shower gel.

**BETHNAL GREEN AND BOW FOODBANK**

The Mulberry Academy Shoreditch House Team Presents the

# Winter Fayre

**COME AND ENJOY THE FUN**

**THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

**FROM 4:00PM - 5:45PM**

**DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS**

**RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES!**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS, Henna, The Grotto and much more**

**Mulberry Winter Fest '23**

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

# History Society at the Soane's Museum

History Society

with KING'S College LONDON

I learned about a very famous architect called Sir John Soane and he loved to collect things like painting from his favourite countrys. He loved Italy and a aciant temple in Italy that he copied and used for many of his designs. He had 2 Children and a wife who had a small dog. He bought 3 houses nocked them down and rebuilt them due to being an architect, he owned 3 houses in the same row because his aciant artifact collection was so big he didn't have enough space. I really enjoyed this trip and learned meny new things.

by Michael Hutchenson (Year 9)





# STEM CORNER

Last week, a group of our Y12 students attended the Annual Christmas Lecture at Imperial College. They heard from Dr Jackie Bell on space exploration and the work that Imperial engineers are doing, as well as Dr Robin Lamboll on meaningful climate action we can take, all backed up by physics.



This week at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch saw the launch of Mechatronics! On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 9 students piloted a project working with Mr Healy and Arduino kits to investigate electronics, circuitry and computer coding. Throughout this project students will have the opportunity to build and code circuits

to work as spaceship interfaces, keyboard instruments, crystal balls and hacking buttons! Students will present their work, findings and reflections in university style reports to develop their written and verbal communication skills to prepare them for an exciting future in STEM



## Into University workshops

This week students across the year groups have attended Into University workshops to support them in achieving their aspiration, whether that is further or higher education, employment or training. IntoUniversity workshops help students build the skills, confidence and knowledge to prepare them for their future.



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

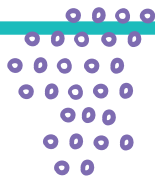
Harriet has a square piece of paper. She folds it in half to form a rectangle and then in half again to form a second rectangle (which is not a square). The perimeter of the second rectangle is 30 cm.

What is the area of the original square?

**ANSWER:** 144 cm<sup>2</sup>

Let the side-length of Harriet's square be  $4x$  cm. Then, the rectangle obtained when the square is folded in half measures  $4x$  cm by  $2x$  cm. When that rectangle is folded in half, it gives a rectangle which is not a square so this rectangle measures  $4x$  cm by  $x$  cm. The perimeter of the smaller rectangle is  $2(4x + x)$  cm =  $10x$  cm. Therefore, since the perimeter of the smaller rectangle is given as 30 cm, we have  $x = 3$ . Hence the side-length of Harriet's square is 12 cm and its area is 144 cm<sup>2</sup>.

## Coding Class



## MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX

Our Y10 STEM Academy students had a robotics taster day on Monday to get used to some coding before starting their Python course in January. They programmed micro:bits which they then connected to robots with wheels. Students used their maths and computer

science skills to draw different shapes and even create a remote control. We were really impressed with the students and how quickly they picked up robotics! We're definitely looking forward to the rest of the STEM Academy with these students!



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**WORD OF THE WEEK**  
**Evaluate**  
*verb*

**DEFINITION**  
to judge how good, useful or successful something is and have an opinion on it.

**EXAMPLE**  
1. You should be able to evaluate your own work.  
2. We need to evaluate the success of this event.  
3. It was difficult to evaluate which source was the most reliable and factually correct given that the sources were Facebook and Twitter!

**SYNONYMS**  
Assess  
Appraise  
Judge

**ANTONYMS**  
Ignore  
Neglect  
disregard

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
French verb 'évaluer' = to evaluate or assess.  
Notice the root within the word is from 'value'.