

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear families,

I hope you are well. It's been a lovely week at the school.

Winter Fayre

Our annual Winter Fayre is going to take place on Thursday 14th December 2023 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Please note, students will be dismissed from school at 3.00pm. 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>

End of Term

The last day of term is Friday 22nd December 2023.

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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Executive Principal's and Head of School's News

Drop Day

Thank you to Ms McRill for organising the Drop Morning on Wednesday. Students spent the sessions learning about life and work skills, and issues that affect their personal wellbeing. Also thank you to Mr Griffiths who organised mock interviews for Year 13s with corporate volunteers.



MAS Choir

It's lovely to listen to the festive singing of our choir today who are practising for the coming Winter Arts Festival on Wednesday 13th December.



Year 11 and 13 Mocks

Well done to our Year 11 students who have finished their mock exams

and best of luck to all our Year 13s who are continuing with their mock exams.

This month we have some exciting events happening here at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch and we're especially looking forward to welcoming families to come along and enjoy the Arts Festival and the Winter Fayre. Do come and join the festivities.

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



Sixth Form News

On 29th November, Mr Hibbs took 13 Year 13 students to the BT Headquarters in The City for a day of career-orientated workshops. This involved setting goals, considering a career in Data / Tech, a lesson on the 'Internet of Things' and a Q&A with the CEO - who took time out of his busy schedule to meet our students. The day was incredibly useful for their personal development and our students represented our sixth form well. They left feeling emboldened in pursuing careers with companies such as BT, and can showcase this in their UCAS applications.



We've just begun Philosophy sessions as part of Sixth Form enrichment and students have been really engaged and sharing their perspectives on various themes such as freedom, identity, happiness, achievement, fulfilment and ethics.

Thank you to our new Philosophy teacher Alexandra Konoplyanik who is leading the group, we can't wait to continue debating and sharing



thoughts. Esha Jamal said 'the host was so engaging and maintained a constant flow of interest throughout the session. I really enjoyed how she made everyone feel included and eased everyone into the conversation.



Congratulations to the 15 Year 13 girls who took part in the Rock the Street, Wall Street Financial and Investment Literacy Programme. Wednesday marked the sixth and final workshop, where students had the opportunity to study and research the stock market! The six-week programme involved a fascinating trip to the City to visit BlackRock! The girls will follow up their six-week programme with several workshops in February and March 2024!

UCAS UPDATE

UCAS Update: As of 30th November we have nearly 50 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 Queen Mary
- Law at SOAS
- Electronic Engineering at King's
- Education at London South Bank
- Psychology at Queen Mary
- Maths at City, University of London
- Psychology at Surrey

We also have a student who has progressed through multiple assessment stages to the interview at KPMG for a Finance Degree Apprenticeship. He is also in the application process at EY and Santander!

Our Oxbridge candidates have been working hard for their interviews next week, including Maths at Cambridge, Law at Oxford and English Lit at Oxford. We're wishing them the best of luck!

Year 7 climbing sessions

The final climbing session of the year at Shadwell for our Year 7s was a lot of fun despite the freezing temperature! They raced up the climbing wall and enjoyed games on the bouldering wall at the end of the session. A big thank you to the staff at Shadwell Outdoor Activity Centre!



Middlesex University trip

On the 29th November, Year 12 Health and Social Care students visited Middlesex university. They had a tour and demo of the Nursing and Midwifery labs and were amazed at the lifelike models that students were using to practice their skills. They also had a CPR competition where 4 students had to do CPR and after one minute the winner was identified.



They finished with a talk on applying for Nursing and Midwifery and how to improve their Interview skills.



Year 13 Business trip

Last Friday, Year 13 Business students enjoyed a trip to the KPMG offices at Canary Wharf where they discussed careers and apprenticeships.



Year 13 Mock interviews

On Wednesday, 60 Year 13 Business and Health & Social Care students took part in the Access Aspiration Mock Interviews workshop with several business volunteers. Organisations included Make Architects, Wild Cosmetics and Seaforth. The students left their interviews with a genuine buzz and more knowledge of how to approach an apprenticeship interview. The volunteers commented on the



students professionalism and attitude throughout the morning!



Foodbank collection

As December approaches, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is preparing for Winter Fayre and is raising money for local charities. This year we are partnered with Bow and Bethnal Green Foodbank, a fantastic organisation who help many families and individuals in need, not just during the cold winter months, but the whole year round. Over the next two weeks, we are reaching out to ask that as many families as possible make a contribution in any way that they can. We know that the cost of living crisis is still impacting us all, but every donation helps. Please find a list (right) of items that would be much appreciated at Bethnal Green and Bow Foodbank. Thank you so much in advance for your support and we cannot wait to see you all at Winter Fayre!

Cereals (incl. 12 pack Weetabix)
Disposable nappies
Dried lentils
Vegetable cooking oil (1L)
Washing Powder
Toilet rolls
UHT Milk
Rice (500g-1kg)
Pasta (500g-1kg)
Nuts, seeds, dried fruit
Washing-up liquid
Plastic bags
Tinned vegetables and pulses (kidney beans, chick peas, potatoes, tomatoes, sweetcorn etc.)
Instant coffee, Teabags
Peanut butter,
Sweet spread (jam, honey)
Wraps
Shampoo, Shower gel
Period products
Toothpaste



Drop Day

Drop morning was a real success with Sixth Form taking part in mock interviews and looking into key skills and questions to ask employers. Year 11s had their second session with Maximising Success looking into revision methods and reviewing their recent mock exams; Year 7 took part in sessions on the concept of consent; year 8 were educated on misuse of drugs and alcohol; year 9 looked at the challenges and benefits of work and being a life long learner; and year 10 into equality and diversity and then to prepare them for work experience, used UniFrog to look into what type of career would best suit them.



Mulberry Academy Shoreditch LIBRARY

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.

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

HOUSE TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2023

The Mulberry Academy Shoreditch House Team Presents the

Winter Fayre

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER FROM 4:00PM-6:30PM

DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS WITH GREAT PRIZES!

ARTS AND CRAFTS Henna, The Grotto and much more

Mulberry Winter Fest '23

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

STEM CORNER

Congrats to all of our students who participated in Bebras, a national computational thinking competition, over the past couple weeks! We had better results than ever this year! The following students received Gold Certificates for placing in the top 10% of the country. They will go on to represent the school in the Oxford University Coding Challenge in January.

Tommy Larkins (Y7, 95th percentile)
Dylan Vernall (Y7, 95th percentile)
Max Millahn (Y7, 95th percentile)
Ryu Nitta Tucker (Y7, 94th percentile)
Fintan Davis (Y7, 94th percentile)
Jack Prentice (Y7, 93rd percentile)
Ishaaq Miah (Y7, 90th percentile)
Dylan Ellis (Y9, 99.6th percentile)
Isabella Wint (Y9, 98th percentile)

Melissa Kibrom (Y9, 97th percentile)
Purno Mahmud Khan (Y9, 95th percentile)
Aishah Ali (Y8, 95th percentile)
Maryam Alam (Y8, 94th percentile)
Ihsanul Islam (Y9, 93rd percentile)
Lilah Pacheco (Y9, 93rd percentile)
Alisa Young (Y8, 93rd percentile)
Akram Hussain (Y8, 91st percentile)

The following students also received Certificates of Distinction for placing in the top 25% in the school:

Tommy Larkins (Y7) *Best in School
Dylan Vernall (Y7)
Max Millahn (Y7)
Ryu Nitta Tucker (Y7)
Fintan Davis (Y7)
Jack Prentice (Y7)
Ishaaq Miah (Y7)
Charlie Barker (Y7)
Zoya Yakub (Y7)
Jude Fogarty (Y7)
Yusuf Mshauri (Y7)
Ayaan Hossain (Y7)
Aminul Islam (Y7)
Hicham Boutbaik (Y7)
Leo Togher (Y7)
Maryam Kamaly (Y7)
Aminul Oore (Y7)
Elyass Adel (Y7)
Nabil Chowdhury (Y7)
Iqram Hanif (Y7)
Ibrahim Hussain (Y7)
Samirah Khan (Y7)
Kyle Garay (Y7)
Salma Osman (Y7)
Shehzad Barbhuiyan (Y7)
Mohammad Ismael (Y7)
Alister Price (Y7)
Umaira Raha (Y7)
Sumaya Basit (Y7)
Emma Charyyeva (Y7)
Eashan Clark (Y7)
Zahed Alom (Y7)
Hamza Hussain (Y7)
Abiir Mohamed (Y7)
Max Redgrove (Y7)
Maryum Uddin (Y7)
Maryam Haque (Y7)
Kalin Attuah Cole (Y7)
Kadie Kennedy-Allden (Y7)
Aaliya Ali (Y7)
Yamin Hussain (Y7)
Raisa Rashid (Y7)
Arham Taswaab (Y7)
Kezieah Williams-Boothe (Y7)

Mustaga Yasin (Y7)
Dylan Ellis (Y8/9) *Best in School
Isabella Wint (Y8/9)
Melissa Kibrom (Y8/9)
Purno Mahmud Khan (Y8/9)
Aishah Ali (Y8/9)
Maryam Alam (Y8/9)
Ihsanul Islam (Y8/9)
Lilah Pacheco (Y8/9)
Alisa Young (Y8/9)
Akram Hussain (Y8/9)
Nadia Begum (Y8/9)
Syaraf Abdullah (Y8/9)
Rayan Osman (Y8/9)
Yasin Islam (Y8/9)
Aidhyn Nayak (Y8/9)
Zahraa Rahman (Y8/9)
R'Jae Samuel-Hendricks (Y8/9)
Oliul Hoque (Y8/9)
Tayef Uddin (Y8/9)
Tamara Howlader (Y8/9)
Victoria Chopanova (Y8/9)
Yusuf Ahmed (Y8/9)
Fariya Chowdhury (Y8/9)
Lilly Elliott (Y8/9)
Jacob Milne (Y8/9)
Anisa Hussain (Y8/9)
Afrida Idris (Y8/9)
Sakariya Jama (Y8/9)
Cemal Oktar (Y8/9)
Zaina Rahman (Y8/9)
Sabrina Fergous (Y8/9)
Tanveer Khoyer (Y8/9)
Hamad Zia (Y8/9)
Amal Mohamed (Y8/9)
Keira Knight (Y8/9)
Amelia Ali (Y8/9)
Junaid Hussien (Y8/9)
Mahabubur Rahman (Y8/9)
Sahnan Rasul Kabir (Y8/9)
Jhayden Charles (Y8/9)
Zara Hussain (Y8/9)
Saidur Rahman (Y8/9)
Tawseef Suleman (Y8/9)

Taslina Begum (Y8/9)
Isra Farhan (Y8/9)
Shanika Yasmin (Y8/9)
Abid Sumon (Y8/9)
Navaeh Campbell (Y8/9)
Dipto Sarker (Y8/9)
Milante Zlibinaite (Y8/9)
Amelia Ansar (Y8/9)
Jaya Green (Y8/9)
Tahmid Khan (Y8/9)
Naima Serra Da Silva (Y8/9)
Dannohl Williams (Y8/9)
Yunus Yusuf (Y8/9)
Sara Adnan (Y8/9)
Saad Bhuiyan (Y8/9)
Abdulrahman Jama (Y8/9)
Imdad Hussain (Y8/9)
Ethan Price (Y8/9)
Monzer Bushara (Y8/9)
Fatima Islam (Y8/9)
Asho Mohamed (Y8/9)
Zaara Rahman (Y8/9)
Ahmed Sharif (Y8/9)
Maheeh Ahmed (Y8/9)
Mohin Bapary (Y8/9)
Sabbir Hossain (Y8/9)
Elliot Silva-Goncalves (Y8/9)
Perle-Louise Sleeman
Fernandez Do Paraíso (Y8/9)
Riaz Cuffy (Y8/9)
Tama Ibrahim (Y8/9)
Youcef Ketit (Y8/9)
Arthur Pietro Bom
Acquaroli (Y8/9)
Shaian Uddin Akther (Y8/9)
Adil Azad (Y8/9)
Akil Islam (Y8/9)
Ismah Islam (Y8/9)
Sumaiya Ahmed (Y12)
*Best in School
Wasim Alam (Y12)
Hasan Ahmed (Y12)
Aisha Abdulkadir (Y12)
Samir Hussain (Y12)

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

House Events

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)

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Susan is attending a talk at her son's school. There are 8 rows of 10 chairs where 54 parents are sitting.

Susan notices that every parent is either sitting on their own or next to just one other person.

What is the largest possible number of adjacent empty chairs in a single row at that talk?

ANSWER: 4 chairs

For the number of adjacent empty chairs in a single row to be a maximum, all rows apart from that one must hold as many parents as possible.

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In view of Susan's observation, the maximum number of parents sitting in any row is seven, as the upper diagram shows. Therefore, the maximum number of parents in seven of the eight rows is $7 \times 7 = 49$. The number in the remaining row is then $54 - 49 = 5$. In that case, and again in view of Susan's observation, the maximum number of adjacent empty chairs would be four as shown in the lower diagram.



SAVE THE DATE

Trust Sports competition
Wednesday 6th December
9am-11.30am

Winter Arts Festival
Wednesday 13th December
3.30pm-5pm

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 email: appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 02076139422

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