

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear families,

I hope you are well. It was great to see Year 11 and Year 13 students opening their Mock Exams results on Tuesday and planning what they need to do next to achieve their best in the Summer exams. Christmas lunch on Wednesday was great fun for staff and students.

Thank you to all students, families, staff and the entire school community for your hard work this term. I wish you a very peaceful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. All students return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the normal start time.

Year 7 end of day arrangements from January 2024

Year 7 will finish school at **3.30pm** from Tuesday 9th January 2024. They will exit via the Main Reception.

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

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

Year 11 and 13 Mock Exam Results

On Tuesday our Year 11 students and Year 13 students received their Mock GCSE and A level Results. Students took part in an assembly as tough it was the summer results and then reflected in groups on the plan that they can now make over the next 4 months.

The assemblies were really lovely and students could be together in receiving results and forming their plans around getting their best results.



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we had our student and staff Christmas lunch. Thank you to Accent our catering firm who provided a really lovely lunch and to our Premises team and senior leadership team who made the whole experience so jolly with

music and crackers and a very lovely atmosphere.

I would like to wish everyone in our community a very lovely and peaceful Christmas break.

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Sixth Form News

Congratulations to Abdillahi Muse Nur for his acceptance onto the University of Cambridge STEM Smart program. STEM SMART is a free, 17-month program to support students in raising their attainment at school and develop their confidence to apply to study physical or biological sciences, engineering or computer science at top universities. As part of the program, Abdillahi will work in a group with students across the country doing subject-specific work, with support of a Cambridge student. He will also meet with his Cambridge mentor once a fortnight. Two live subject-focussed talks will also be given by researchers from the university about their cutting-edge work. This summer, he will go on a residential to Cambridge, before being given extra support with his university application next fall. Well done Abdillahi!

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Griffiths accompanied the Mulberry

Scholars Academy students to an Afternoon Tea at Mulberry School for Girls. The students had the opportunity to review and reflect on the Autumn term and look ahead to the formal beginning of the Mulberry Scholars Academy in January, where they will have the opportunity to learn more applying to Oxbridge and participate in a Q+A.

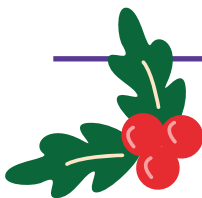
On Thursday, several Year 12 students participated in a UCL research project, hosted at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. The research project aims to explore how young people get involved and engage as active global citizens, both in their local area and the wider world. It explores what young people understand by terms such as global citizenship and how ideas of citizenship, action and engagement are used by young people. The students had a very informative and engaging discussion!

**UCAS
UPDATE**

We're finishing up the term with over 150 UCAS applications sent off. We've continued to receive offers from a range of unis and courses, and we're looking forward to hearing from more unis after Christmas break. Some highlights this week include offers for:

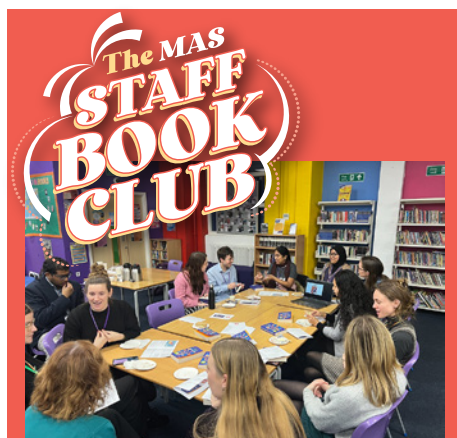
- Finance, Accounting and Management at University of Nottingham
- International Business at Kingston
- Accounting and Finance at SOAS
- Business Management at Queen Mary
- Accounting and Management at Queen Mary
- Pharmacology and Innovating Therapeutics at Queen Mary
- Aerospace Engineering at University of Wolverhampton
- Law at the University of Law
- Psychology at Goldsmith's

Also, congratulations and good luck to one of our students who has an interview to study Medicine next year at Queen Mary.



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday all our students and staff were offered a delicious festive dinner cooked by our amazing catering team!



Members of Staff met on Tuesday to discuss the novel *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. Ms Newton gives us her thoughts on the book...

For me, *The Island of Missing Trees* was one of the best books that I've read this year. Set in war-torn Cyprus, following the journey of two star-crossed lovers, I felt I learnt so much about the country's culture and devastating conflict that ultimately tore the Island in two. The elements of magical realism in the book, from the perspective of the sacred Fig Tree to the various other species native to the Island explore the ideas of identity, belonging and our roots. Ultimately, I believe the themes of the novel are incredibly prevalent in the world we are living in today and would recommend if you are in need of a good book.

Next half term we shall be reading *Lessons* by Ian McEwan- please ask us in the corridors about the book!

A big congratulations to Model UN winners (left to right): Thomas Garvey, Year 9, Emaan Akbar, Year 12, Agit Abaci, Year 10, Melissa Kilbrom, Year 9



House Rewards Trip

The top 10 students from each house went on the final rewards of 2023 to Hollywood Bowl! Well done to our two star bowlers Mohammed Tawseef Ahmed and Leeanna Joseph who bowled us over with their striking abilities! And a special well done to Ms Milton for being the only head of house to get a strike.'



Year 12 Go Karting

On Monday, 14 Year 12 students enjoyed an afternoon session at Capital Karts in Canary Wharf. This was a reward for all their effort over this term in STEM.

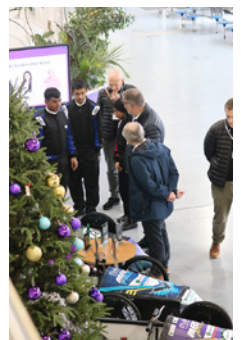


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Visitors from Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix

Last Friday, we were pleased to welcome visitors from Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd who came to see the day-to-day life of students and staff here at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. Some of our STEM Academy students enjoyed chatting to our visitors and showing them the Green Power cars they've built and raced.



Happy Holidays!

to all our students, families, staff
and school community...
See you in 2024!

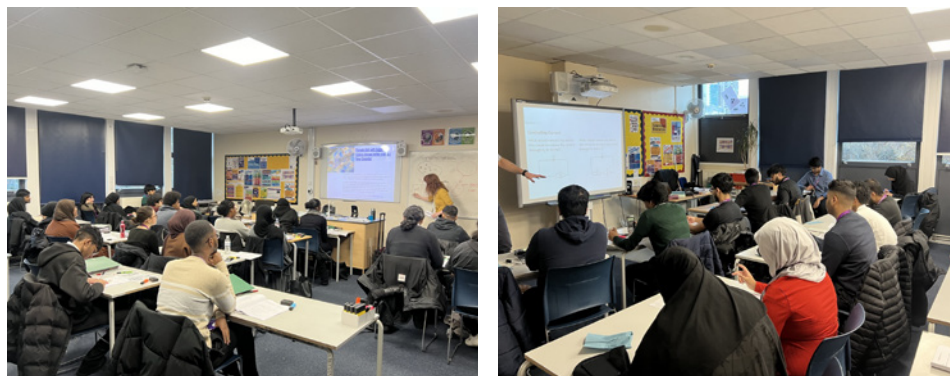
Mock Results Day

On Tuesday, Year 13 and Year 11 students received their mock results in an assembly designed to give them an experience close to the results day in August and also a chance to reflect and plan for the actual GCSEs coming in the summer term.



Year 13 Revision days

All year 13 Biology and Physics students had a tailored revision session with an AQA specialist on Monday. Students worked on their use of command words and exam technique. Thank you to facilitators Alessio and Tamara as well as Anita Croft for organising.



Applications are now open for our popular Sixth Form. If you're in Year 11 or have friends/ family in Year 11 you can apply online. Scan the QR code here!



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

In the addition sum shown, J , K and L stand for different digits.

$$\begin{array}{r} JKK \\ JLL \\ + JKL \\ \hline 479 \end{array}$$

What is the value of $J+K+L$?

ANSWER: 11

When we consider the units column, we have $3L = 9$ or $3L = 19$. Since only 9 is divisible by 3, $L = 3$. Then when we consider the tens column, we have $2K + 3 = 7$ or $2K + 3 = 17$. Therefore $K = 2$ or $K = 7$. However, if $K = 2$, the hundreds column would tell us that $3J = 4$, which is not possible. Hence $K = 7$. Now, when we consider the hundreds column, we have $3J + 1 = 4$, which has solution $J = 1$. Therefore the value of $J + K + L$ is $1 + 7 + 3 = 11$.

