

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear families,

I hope you are well. On Wednesday, we hosted a Mulberry Schools Trust sports event. Schools within the Trust came together to play Bench ball. Thank you to Ms Pitts for her leadership on this, the students had a great time.

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.

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.

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

Part of the

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Schools Trust



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.



SCAN ME

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.



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THE WINTER
ARTS FESTIVAL
MUSIC ART & DRAMA

Wednesday 13th December
at 3.45pm - 5.00pm in the Street

EXPECT AN AFTERNOON OF SONG, ART, AND DRAMA FROM A
WHOLE HOST OF OUR TALENTED PUPILS!

There will be refreshments and a festive atmosphere

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!



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)



Mulberry Academy Shoreditch We're collecting items for Bethnal Green

FOODBANK

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

PLEASE DONATE if you can!

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, cornedbees, sweetcorn etc)
- Instant coffee, Teabags
- Peanut butter
- Sweet spread (jam, honey)
- Wraps
- Shampoo, Shower Gel
- Period Products
- Toothpaste
- and other specialia 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 reasonable amount of the left and are not fresh food items.

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

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

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN

Mulberry Winter Fest '23

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

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?

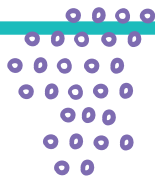
Harriet has a square piece of paper. She folds it in half to form a rectangle and then in half again to form a second rectangle (which is not a square). The perimeter of the second rectangle is 30 cm.

What is the area of the original square?

ANSWER: 144 cm²

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 cm².

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'.