

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are well. It's been a brilliant week. On Tuesday, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch hosted a STEM Academy launch event for Year 10 students. It was a wonderful event with students and staff from each school in the Trust in attendance. Thank you to Ms Montgomerie for her leadership on this event. On Wednesday, Mr Rahman hosted a Pizza party for students in Year 11, it was lovely to see students being rewarded for their effort and hard work during the mock exams. Thank you to Ms McRill, Ms Fabian, Mr Cox, Mr Stokes and Mr Vickers for taking a group of students to a ski trip in Sestriere, Italy. We look forward to seeing them all on their return today.

### **Year 13 Parents' Evening**

Year 13 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 3.30pm. All students will finish school at 3.00pm.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.30pm. All students will finish school at 3.00pm.

### **Year 8 HPV Vaccination**

Students in Year 8 are due to receive their HPV vaccination, which will be given in school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Please complete the form by following this link, even if you wish to refuse.

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2023/towerhamlets>

From September 2019, the HPV vaccine is being offered to boys as well as girls. The HPV vaccine is universally offered as routine in year 8. The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against the human papilloma virus which increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas. For further information on the vaccine please visit: HPV universal vaccination: leaflet – GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet>

### **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.

Yours faithfully



Ms Melissa Gibson  
Head of School

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

### Stem launch

On Tuesday Shoreditch hosted a Year 10 STEM Launch event for students. It was a joyous occasion and was a really uplifting event. Well done to Dr Mundy and Ms Montgomerie for leading this event and to all staff involved - really lovely to have students in Year 10 from all of the schools in the Trust attending and seeing our lovely school.



### Year 11 Pizza Party

Thank you to Mr Rahman for leading the celebratory event for Year 11 students. This was to give a treat and recognition to the top 50 students who attained the top grades in their GCSE Mock examinations. Well done to all students for their hard work leading up to Mock Exams and to all teachers who teach our lovely Year 11 students.



### Sixth Form Open evening

On Wednesday we began our series of open evenings for Year 11 students from all schools - to experience our school and Sixth form and begin the application process for September. We are very full as a Sixth form so early applications are important.

**Year 11 and Year 13 Saturday revision classes start this Saturday.**

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

## Sixth Form News

It has been another busy week (particularly Wednesday!) in the Sixth Form. On Wednesday morning, the third A-Level Science workshop took place. The focus was Chemistry. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it was pleasing to learn how helpful and productive the workshop was. Well done to the Year 13 Chemists who attended!

On Wednesday afternoon, we hosted our first of several external recruitment afternoon tea events! This was a very successful afternoon, with a large number of students from across London attending and discussing their prospective subject choices and what our Sixth Form has to offer! We are looking forward to hosting our second afternoon tea in a fortnight!

On Wednesday evening, Mr Griffiths accompanied the Mulberry Scholars Academy to the Mulberry Bigland Centre for an Aspiring to Oxbridge

talk. The evening was extremely informative and shone a light on the requirements to apply to Oxbridge. Well done to Diana, Hasan and Sulayman for staying behind and asking a handful of questions. Remember, this is the beginning of your two-year journey to Oxbridge! On Thursday, the second of three group discussions took place with Simon Eten, a PhD researcher in Global Citizenship from UCL. The students spoke with maturity about a range of topics, including geopolitics, current affairs, global issues and activism. Well done to those who took part! The third and final group discussion will take place next week.

Well done to all students in Year 12 and Year 13 studying BTEC Business and Health & Social Care - it has been a challenging two-weeks with exams! Good luck to those sitting exams on Friday and Monday!

## UCAS UPDATE

**With almost all Y13 students having applied to UCAS, we have received even more excellent offers, including:**

- Music and Modern Languages at University of Sheffield
- English at King's College London
- Modern Languages at University of Manchester
- Mechanical Engineering at University of Birmingham
- PPE at University of Nottingham
- Real Estate at Sheffield Hallam
- Music at University of Southampton
- PPE at University of Roehampton
- Business at Queen Mary
- Business with Spanish at University of Liverpool
- Environmental Science and Sustainability at University of Glasgow

**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!





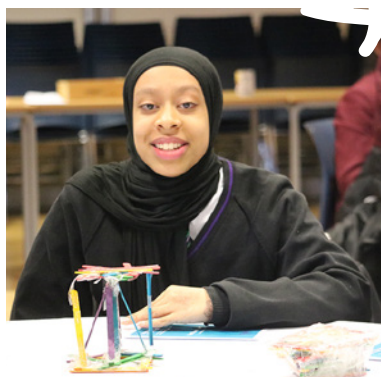
# MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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# Year 10 Launch

On Tuesday 16th January a new cohort of Year 10 STEM Academy students from schools across the Trust joined us here at MAS for a launch event. This gave them the opportunity to get to know each other, practice the STEM Academy Pride values and to participate in a team building activity to win prizes and





# Year 11 Pizza Party

Mr Rahman organised a pizza party on Wednesday to celebrate Year 11's hard work good grades in their mock exams.



Year 7 students made some delicious shortbread biscuits in their food technology lesson with Ms Howe on Monday.



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**FILM CLUB**  
Every Thursday

All year groups welcome

3.35-4.25pm  
Room 405



See Ms Kilmanaité for more details

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

## CLASSICAL GREEK CLUB

**Mondays 15:40-16:40**

**Learn to read and write in Classical Greek**

Achieve a UCAS recognised certificate in Classical Greek

**Open to all interested students and staff**

Please see Ms Padfield to sign up

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## HISTORY CLUB

**YEARS 7-9**

**TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN 212**

TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED!

**SPEAK TO MS JAMES IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Ghastly**

**DEFINITION**

causing great horror or fear

**EXAMPLE**

There is no way I can swallow the ghastly medicine.  
Since my sister is known for her ghastly meals, I always eat before going to her house.  
No one wanted to go outside, the weather was ghastly.

**SYNONYMS**

Terrible.  
Frightful.  
Grim.

**ANTONYMS**

Blooming.  
Fresh.  
Buxom.

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Middle English: from obsolete *gaestan* 'terrify'.  
Old English *gaestan*, of Germanic origin; related to ghost..



# House News

The House Team would like to introduce the newest Head of House - Ms Scott! Ms Scott is taking over the role as Head of Tower from Mr Stokes. She is sad to be leaving Barbican but excited to bring Tower to victory.

During this House week, we have been focusing on respect and celebrating differences. Students have been having brilliant discussions on the importance of celebrating the amazing diversity we have as MAS. We also had an assembly on Holocaust Memorial day and we invite everyone in the MAS community to light a candle on Saturday 27th January to remember all those affected by genocides.

Well done to everyone who took part in the exciting House Basketball Competition yesterday and we look forward to all the fantastic things the Houses are going to achieve in 2024!



## Virginia Primary Art session



A lovely group of Year 5s Virginia from Primary School came in on Monday for their first art workshop with Ms Kilmanaite.

In the first session they made sketch books which they'll use for a project that is planned for the next few weeks.



## STEM CORNER

A group of about 15 students in years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the Oxford University Coding Challenge this week. It is a 50 minute long exam of very challenging computational thinking questions, which students must write code to solve. These students progressed onto this challenge after placing in the top 10% of the country in the Bebras competition in November. We are eagerly awaiting their results!



In their science lesson on Tuesday, Year 8 students made some creative and colourful models of planets using paper maché and balloons.



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

**Seventy pupils (37 boys and 33 girls) are divided into two groups, with forty pupils in Group I and thirty in Group II.**

**How many more boys are there in Group I than there are girls in Group II?**

### ANSWER: 7 more boys than girls

Let the number of boys in Group I be  $x$ . The number of girls in Group I is therefore  $40 - x$  and the number of girls in Group II is  $33 - (40 - x) = x - 7$ . There are therefore 7 girls fewer in Group II than there are boys in Group I.



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