

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

### TrailFam

Thank you so much to Mr Stokes and to Ms Pitts who took students running in the South Downs on Saturday – what a brilliant way to spend Saturday – so healthy.



### Staff well-being week

Thank you to Ms Mahoney and Ms Miller for leading a staff wellbeing week this week. It is really important that staff who work in schools are looked after and made to feel special for the work they do and for the commitment that they give.



### Nobel Awards

On Tuesday evening the school held its annual Nobel Prize and Awards evening. Well done to the science and maths departments for this rather wonderful event. Students and parents loved the event



and it really is a showcasing of some of our most talented students.

### Year 11 and 13 half term school

Next week the school is on the February half term break. But the school is open every day for Year 11 and 13 students extra classes and learning. Thank you to those teachers who are coming in - below is the timetable of subjects

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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Half Term school	KS4	History Chemistry Biology Drama	Hospitality Music Chemistry Spanish Latin Biology Maths Business	Hospitality Latin RE Chemistry French	Maths	English
	KS5	Economics Chemistry Maths Drama	Chemistry Physics Economics	Maths French BTEC Applied Science Business	History Physics Biology	Maths Psychology

## Sixth Form News

On Wednesday morning, we had visitors attend from BIBA (British Insurance Brokers Association) to launch our new partnership to provide insight days, apprenticeship options and work experience for Year 12 students interested in the insurance sector. The feedback from the assembly was excellent and shone a light on what a career in the insurance sector involves. The free power banks were a great hit!

Congratulations, Ayarna, who has been selected to participate in UCL's Expand Programme. UCL Expand is a hybrid 7-week subject focused academic programme, created and delivered by UCL postgraduate students and staff! Good luck!

As part of Apprenticeship Week, Mr Khan organised for Sixth Form alumni to return to the school and talk about their pathway into apprenticeships. It was great to hear a productive and meaningful conversation all things apprenticeships. Following this, it was great to see several Year 13s attend the annual Apprenticeship Fair held at



Tower Hamlets Town Hall. The event was a brilliant showcase into the diverse opportunities outside of higher education.

On Wednesday evening, students involved in the Sheriffs' Challenge travelled to Anglia Ruskin University to compete in the first round of the annual competition. Unfortunately, the students fell short, but Ms Scales and Mr Griffiths were extremely impressed with their preparation, writing and delivery of their poem. You were outstanding ambassadors for our Sixth Form. Well done!

On Wednesday afternoon Year 13 students who were 'Top of the Mocks'

## UCAS UPDATE

More great offers coming in this week, including:

- English Literature and Linguistics at Queen Mary
- Psychology at City
- Public Health at Greenwich
- Communication, PR and Advertising at City
- Business Computing at Greenwich
- Accounting and Finance at Kent
- Social and Community Work at Goldsmiths
- Accounting and Finance at Leicester
- Airline and Airport Management at Sheffield Hallam
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering at London South Bank

went bowling at All Star Lanes, Brick Lane. Everyone had a fabulous time. Well done to all Sixth Form students on a short, but challenging half term. Take the time to rest over the break and return ready to tackle a busy new term!



# The Nobel Prize Awards

On Tuesday 6th February we held our annual Nobel Prize Awards event to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our amazing students in Science, Maths and Computer Science. A big thank you to all the staff and students involved and to the fabulous audience - all the parents and carers who came along to support and congratulate their children. It was a really lovely event!





# Year 10 Geography Field Trip

In Epping Forest on Wednesday, Year 10 students investigated how river characteristics change as you go downstream. The students went into different parts of the river and took measurements of characteristics such as width, depth and velocity of the river.



A small group of students attended a focus group at the Idea Store alongside a group of students from Mulberry school for Girls. Students gave their input on how to improve the library and what events and activities they would like to see in the idea stores. They also had a tour around the library by idea store staff and were treated to sweets and biscuits.

# Languages reward breakfast

The Languages department organised a special breakfast on Thursday morning to recognise the hard work and achievement of the Year 11 students who gained the best results in their mock exams in French and Spanish.



**GREAT WORK!**



# Basketball

In the first round of the Greenhouse League, our year 7-9 students displayed incredible passion on the court. Despite a close match, Mulberry faced Central Foundation Boys and narrowly lost with a score of 18-20. It's worth noting that our pupils performed admirably, especially considering that year 7 students stepped up to support the team. We are proud of their dedication and teamwork, and we look forward to more exciting games in the future.

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Auspicious**

**DEFINITION**  
Indicating or suggesting that future success is likely.

**EXAMPLE**  
They won their first match of the season 5-1 which was an auspicious start.  
Their first meeting wasn't auspicious, given that they argued!

**SYNONYMS**  
Promising  
Favourable

**ANTONYMS**  
Inauspicious  
Hopeless

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
The word 'auspicious' is related to 'auspice' which is a lucky omen or favourable sign. It originates from the Latin word 'auspex', a person who observed the flight of birds to predict what might happen in the future!

# Van Gogh Trip



English Literature and the Arts Society with UCL



The English and the Arts Society went to the Van Gogh Immersive Exhibition on Brick Lane on Thursday this week which was amazing! Through the VR machines and the 360 degree immersive virtual projection, we felt like we really stepped inside the paintings.

*'My favourite part of the trip was the VR because it was a new experience and the forest part was other-worldly. The last room we went in was outstanding. It was like watching a movie of the paintings! You could see everything so clearly because it was on the wall and on the floor.'*

Ahmed Ahmed, 9B

THAMES TOWER HAMLETS ARTS + MUSIC EDUCATION SERVICE

## 'ENCOUNTERS' 2024

A showcase of the diverse range of visual arts produced across THAT network schools in Tower Hamlets

*the Art Pavilion*

The exhibition is open to the public on the following days:  
Tue 27 Feb - Thu 7 Mar, 11am-6pm  
Wed 28 Feb, 11am-3pm  
Fri 8 Mar, 11am-2pm

**Come along and see our students' work**

THE ART PAVILION



# Year 12 Physics

Year 12 students were doing one of their many assessed practical experiments in their lesson on Tuesday - determining the internal resistance of a power supply as accurately as possible.



# A LEVEL ART



Year 12 artists are learning how to mix and use oil paints effectively in a workshop with Ms Gullick on Tuesday. We can't wait to see their finished oil paintings!

# Computer Science

Our Y13 A Level Computer Science students are making good progress on their projects! For the course, they analyse, design, develop, test and evaluate a project of their choosing. Most of our students have opted to use the Python pygame library to create 2D games. Some examples below include: a pac-man style game, using Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest path to the player (Nabil Ahmed) a cross between Tetris and Fireboy and Watergirls where Spiderman must reach the end goal (Amina Begum) a racing game using the laws of physics to have accurate car acceleration and deceleration (Mas'ud Sharif)



This week's featured painting of glassware and flowers is by Iqra Bintashraf in Year 13

On Wednesday a group of Year 8 students enjoyed a reward trip to Nando's for their great behaviour, attendance and punctuality.



# MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Five pings and five pongs are worth the same as two pongs and eleven pings. How many pings is a pong worth?

**ANSWER: 2 pings**

**i** Your child is due to receive their HPV vaccination, which will be given in school on Thursday 29th February 2024. Please complete the form by following this link, even if you wish to refuse. <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2023/towerhamlets>