

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are well. It's been a busy week at the school with lots of events and trips taking place. Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams continued this week. There is one more week to go – well done to all students. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day, students dressed up, we had quizzes and competitions going on – it was lots of fun! Thank you to House Leaders for helping students make costumes. Thank you to our librarian Ms Nessa for organising trips this week to celebrate World Book Day.

Today, we celebrated International Women's Day. The theme in school was women in Leadership. There were lots of activities taking place throughout the day. We were honoured to have the following guests visit us; Our CEO, Dr Vanessa Ogden CBE came and had afternoon tea with Sixth Form students, Dr Joanna Abeyie MBE Founder and CEO of Blue Moon & Partners did creative workshops with Year 7 and 8 and finally Tracy Smith, Executive Director of The Partnership led a talk with students about Careers and Leadership. We are privileged to have brilliant women and girls in our school community.

Year 6 Open Morning

Please see our Year 6 Open Morning dates below. If you have friends or family in Year 6, please do tell them about our Open Mornings. The Open Mornings will take place from 9.00am to 10.30am and will include a talk with the Executive Principal / Head of School and a short tour of the school.

- Monday 11th March 2024
- Tuesday 12th March 2024
- Wednesday 13th March 2024

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students start their work experience placements from Monday.

- X Band students have work experience from Monday 11th to Friday 15th March 2024
- Y-Band students have work experience from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March 2024

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

Attendance HUB

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch launched its regional London Attendance HUB to schools in London on Wednesday. Well done to Mr Collis and Ms Montgomerie who have worked hard on this and to Ms Allister for her work on the media of this. Our school has been asked to showcase its work on attendance to schools in London as part of the Government's drive of improving attendance across the country. Please see our website for more.

Open Mornings

It has been lovely to show Year 6 students and Parents around the school during the week. We will have three dates left for parents to do this and we welcome people visiting the school.

Open mornings will take place from 9.00am to 10.30am on:
Monday 11th March 2024
Tuesday 12th March 2024
Wednesday 13th March 2024



International Women's Day

Today we have celebrated International Women's Day and all of the inspirational work that has been and is being done by so many women in the world. We also took time to reflect through a very interactive programme, the work of our own students and staff. Many thanks to Dr Ogden CBE and Dr Joanna Abeyie MBE and Tracy Smith for visiting the school and running sessions with students.



Harry Williams

Well done to our lovely students in Year 7 who have spent time cooking and presenting their work. Harry is a student in Year 7 who has developed so much since joining us and loves the school and is representative of our values and inclusive culture.

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



Sixth Form News

This week was Sixth Form Careers Week – and what a busy week it has been!

On Monday, students attended Lloyds of London to embark on activities in a career in insurance. The students were fascinated by the opportunities available to them and the entire day was extremely informative and enlightening. It was fantastic to witness first-hand how brokers and underwriters interact. Thanks to BIBA for organising the day!

In addition, on Monday we welcomed "Yeah Youth UK!" to run a DJ and Rapping workshop in the Library. This was a great opportunity to embrace students' creative skills and learn more about a multi-billion-pound sector. The students had the opportunity to put to the test their beatmatching and phrasing skills!

On Tuesday, several students visited the University of Cambridge to learn more about Oxbridge and life at Cambridge. The students explored Clare College and listened to an informative lecture on economic principles. It was great to hear how this experience has spurred on the students to think about their



UCAS options next year!

Also on Tuesday, students explored the wonderful visual effects workshop at ABBA Voyage! The students learnt about the cutting-edge technology, including the three-dimensional holographic imagery! Mr Hibbs was delighted with the opportunity to sing aloud to his favourite band!

On Thursday, English Literature students visited Harper Collins – rather fittingly on World Book Day! The workshop included a talk on the



different careers at Harper Collins, a fantastic talk by a publisher and the opportunity to walk around the building with marvellous views over the City. The students left with their stomachs full of hot chocolate and a book or two!

Today, we welcome PwC (an accounting firm) and Suits and Tracksuits (motivational speakers) to talk to our Economics and Vocational Business students respectively!

UCAS UPDATE

We've had two excellent offers this week for:

- Economics at University of Exeter
- General Engineering at King's College London

In addition, we have students interviewing at UCL and Imperial for various science/engineering subjects. Another student is interviewing for a degree apprenticeship in Engineering at Amazon. Good luck to all of these students!

WE CELEBRATED WORLD BOOK DAY

Celebrating World Book Day and International Women's Day



This week, the Houses have celebrated World Book Day and International Women's Day. Throughout the week, we have been learning about International Women's Day in our tutor time and we focused on this year's theme - Inspiring Inclusion - in assembly.

We combined the two themes from this week into a treasure hunt around the school. Students had to search high and low to find 20 book covers hidden around the school. Well done to those students who found them all - they received a chocolate bar and 5 house points!

On Thursday, we had the joy of celebrating World Book Day. Each House chose a book or series to be their theme for the day. Students had the opportunity to make costumes on Wednesday at an arts and crafts night and on Thursday students were able to come to school dressed as a character from their houses' theme. We saw some fantastic costumes ranging from wizards to Cheshire cats to demon dentists to Matilda's to district tributes to Akatsuki's! Our celebration of World Book Day accumulated with a quiz on all our themes.

Well done and thank you to all that got involved with our celebration of World Book Day!

Idea Store Whitechapel

Members of the library student voice group visited their local library, the Idea Store Whitechapel as part of the World Book Day visits, they were met by the lovely staff who showed them around the library and talked to the students about the books and the library services. Everyone had an enjoyable time browsing the vast selection of books in the library, admiring the view from the terrace and finding a quiet corner to read their chosen book.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY
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DRESS UP DAY



HOUSE COSTUME MAKING



A talk with Helen Sharman

Year 9 Science Society and Year 7 Science club joined a talk with Helen Sharman, the first female British astronaut, on Thursday. The event was a great success and Nihal even had his question chosen and answered on the day which the students were thrilled about. It was particularly special to hear from Helen on the eve of International Women's Day. Thank you to Ms Shroeder and Ms Yasin for organising.



Enabling Aspirations: Unlocking Pathways to Possibilities

During this week, 14 Year 12 students participated in The Elephant Group Spring conference held at the Senate House, University College London, accompanied by Mr Proddaturi and Ms. Armstrong. The students had the chance to explore the SOAS campus, engage in sessions about teaching and learning at the University of Exeter, finance and budgeting session by the University of Newcastle which provided students with valuable insights and skills related to managing their finances and gained valuable insights into the day-to-day life at various universities from student ambassadors.

Science Society

with

Imperial College London



Celebrating Difference

On Wednesday evening, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch took some students to the fantastic show "Everybody's Talking about Jamie" on it's touring UK production in line with last term's theme of "Celebrating Difference". ETAJ is a wonderful celebration of diversity and never being afraid to be yourself, even when sometimes it seems that the world doesn't quite understand you yet. In the words of Jamie "Out of the darkness, into the spotlight, there is a new star, shining so bright". It was a great reminder to our students to embrace their uniqueness and honour the differences that make the world a brighter place!



We Can Be event

On Tuesday 5th March thirteen Year 12 girls participated in the esteemed Lord Mayor's Appeal We Can Be event. The morning session took place at Augmentum Fintech, offering valuable insights from female leaders in the investment industry. Following an

engaging discussion, the girls were treated to a delicious Pizza Express lunch. In the afternoon, we headed to Guildhall, gaining a deeper understanding of the opportunities available for women in London. The day left the girls feeling inspired and optimistic about the future ahead.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Reciprocal

DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
1. A reciprocal relationship is where two people (or groups of people) agree to help each other by behaving in the same way or by giving each other similar advantages. 2. A reciprocal is what to multiply a number by to get 1.	1. The UK and Australia have reciprocal health agreements so you will get emergency medical care if you travel there. 2. In maths, the reciprocal of 4 is $\frac{1}{4}$.

SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Mutual Give and Take Shared	Different Independent Unrelated

CHARACTERISTICS
Reciprocal comes from the Latin 'reciprocus' meaning returning. That might be why the reciprocal of a reciprocal takes you back to where you started!

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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Year 7 and 8 STEM Launch

Last Friday, we officially launched the STEM Academy for KS3 in 2024! We had all Y7 and Y8 STEM Academy students together in a competition. Each group of 4 students, mixed Y7 and Y8, had under an hour to build a tower using popsicle sticks and tape. The highest tower that could support a can of beans won. Congratulations to Maryam (Y7), Eijaz (Y8) and Israel (Y8) for their impressive tower!

This half term on the STEM Academy, the Y7 students are building computer games using the pygame zero library in Python. Y8 students are working with Mr Healy doing a Megatronics project to learn electronics!



Guildhall trip

On Tuesday 27th February Y8 and 9 students visited the Guildhall to take part in a careers workshop. Students took part in a variety of work shops which saw them try out key skills required for the world of work.

Isabella wrote 'I found the activities fun and it was interesting to find out which skills I'm best at. My favourite activity was the teamwork workshop where we were in groups of 3, one was blindfolded, one had ear covers and one had to wear oven gloves! We had to work together to build a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows'.

Naima found it a really informative day and she enjoyed having the opportunity to work with so many different volunteers for a range of work places.



A poem

inspired by Emily Bronte's Spellbound

In the dark corners, fear does reside,
A haunting presence, a roller-coaster ride,
It whispers in shadows, a chilling refrain,
But within its grip we can still find gain.

Fear, like a tempest, can make us tremble
But I also guides us to be more nimble.
For in the face of fear we find our might
A fire within that burns with sheer delight.

Let fear be a teacher, a guide to explore,
To push our limits, to uncover more,
For within the depths of fear's dark embrace
We find the strength to rise and leave our trace.

Vicky Ngandu, 9A

Well done to Musa Tsang who has been selected to play for his grassroots football team to represent them at a tournament in Spain!

**WELL
DONE!**

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

The Pythagoras Patisseries sells triangular cakes at 39p each and square buns at 23p each. For her party, Helen spent exactly £5.12 on an assortment of these cakes and buns.

How many items in total did she buy?

ANSWER: 16 items

One cake and one bun cost a total of 62p. Note that $512 \div 62 = 8$ remainder 16 and note also that $16 = 39 - 23$. Hence $512 = 8(39 + 23) + 16 = 8(39 + 23) + 39 - 23 = 9 \times 39 + 7 \times 23$. As 39 and 23 do not have a common factor, other than 1, Helen must have bought 9 cakes and 7 buns.



Year 12 Health and Social Care students took part in a fantastic session exploring health, nutrition and diets. We invited three senior dieticians from NHS Bart's to share the importance of healthy living, they also provided a fantastic insight into their career. The students enjoyed asking many interesting questions and took away helpful tips and ideas on improving their lifestyles. We also had one student who is now keen to explore a career as a dietician



Your child is due to receive their HPV vaccination, which will be given in school on Monday 22nd April 2024

Please complete the form by following this link, even if you wish to refuse.

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