

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear families,

I hope you had a restful Easter break and Eid Mubarak to everyone who celebrated Eid.

During the holidays, we hosted our annual Year 6 Easter School. It was so nice to see students and we really look forward to them joining with us in September. Thank you to Ms Taylor for her leadership of this event and to all staff who supported with Year 6 Easter School. Thank you to all staff who delivered revision sessions to Year 11 and 13 students during the Easter holidays.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

The Year 8 HPV vaccinations will be administered in school on Monday 22nd April 2024 from 9.00am.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Early School Closure

Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 30th April 2024. Students will be dismissed from school at 3.00pm.

Year 9 DTP/MEN ACWY Vaccinations

The Year 9 vaccinations will be administered in school on Monday 3rd June 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

EID MUBARAK to all of our community and especially to those who were celebrating.

Welcome back to all students and parents to the Summer term and the final term of the year

Year 6 Easter school

Thank you to Ms Taylor for her leadership of the two day Year 6 Easter school. Lots of our new Year 6 students came in and had a lovely programme of activities and 'bonding moments' - cooking, sport, Latin and languages and some lovely lunch and play time. Thanks to all staff who came in for these days.



Year 11 and 13 Easter school

Year 11 and 13 came in during the Easter holidays to attend revision sessions and walking talking mock exams. Hopefully this will impact on their outcomes in the summer.



Thanks to all staff who delivered sessions.

Summer term

This term has formal public examinations starting in 4 weeks' time, but also there are lots of trips and visits and events that we look forward to delivering and having at the school. Sailing kayaking a trip to Washington in the USA and a trip to Spain and to France are all part of what is happening. Exciting times.

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



Sixth Form News

Welcome back, sixth formers! It's fantastic to have each and every one of you back after the refreshing Easter break. We hope you're feeling rejuvenated, energised, and ready to dive back into your studies with renewed enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, several Year 12 girls took part in a very insightful Gresham College seminar on girl's careers in technology, notably coding and



cybersecurity. The seminar explored the diverse set of skills that are needed to build and protect the world of tomorrow!

Exams are just around the corner! Stress is a common challenge faced by students, particularly during the busy exam season. The pressure to perform well, coupled with the weight of expectations, can often feel overwhelming. It's important to acknowledge that experiencing stress during this time is normal, but it's equally crucial to develop healthy coping mechanisms to navigate through it. Remember, you're not alone in this journey. Reach out to friends, family, or teachers for support, and don't hesitate to seek guidance if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Please keep an eye on the exams timetable - this can be viewed via Teams, outside the Sixth Form office or around the school building.

UCAS UPDATE

Most students are starting to choose their firm and insurance offers, but we've continued to receive offers from some of the top universities!

- Mechanical Engineering at Bath
- Maths at UCL
- Early Childhood Education at UCL
- Speech and Language Therapy at Greenwich
- Physical Education and Sport at Greenwich

If any students are unclear on how to choose their firm/ insurance offers, please come see Ms Gillott or Mr Hibbs.

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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Year 7 and 8 STEM Academy Showcase

On Wednesday, our Y7 and Y8 STEM Academy students showcased the work they've been doing to their parents. Y7 students completed a unit learning Python coding through the PyGame Zero library. They created various interactive games with enemies chasing players and players collecting coins to gain points. Y8s completed the Mechatronics project where they build various electronic circuits and used C++ to code.

We had a great evening with two Y7s and two Y8s presenting their work to all the parents and students. Then, parents were given the chance to walk around and visit the students' stalls in a science-fair style event.

A big thank you to all of the parents for their support and teachers for teaching our students to such a high level!



House news

This week we have been learning all about our collective role in conserving the environment and observing Earth Day which is coming up on Monday 22nd April! We have had some fantastic student voice in our House Assemblies where we have heard how as a community we can work towards reducing our carbon footprint even further. The Houses have a busy half term ahead with an upcoming Pizza Party for students with 100+ House Points, a Catch Phrase competition on May 2nd and Boys Football taking place towards the end of the Half Term. We're looking forward to an exciting and engaging Half Term from all students!

Debate Mate Cup at SOAS University



On Tuesday, at SOAS University in Bloomsbury, five confident Year 7 students competed in the Debate Mate Cup. This involved competing against schools all across London in a whole-day tournament split into three debates. The motions ranged from whether social media interferes with musicians' ability to be successful, whether people should break the law to save the environment to whether the UK should have a three-day weekend. Out of the three debates the MAS entirely novice team competed in, we won TWO—this is particularly commendable given that our Year 7s were competing against Year 10s! Hopefully, when results are published on the Debate Mate website, we will have improved upon our already highly respectable 9th place across the entirety of London...

At the end of April, this academic year's Debate Mate program ends with over 45 MAS students having taken part in the competitions, the weekly club, the Accelerate program or within the Launch event. It has been a highly engaging program which has vastly improved the confidence of all those students taking part. If you believe your participation within the debate program would have increased MAS's glowing success this year, speak to Ms Roebuck or any of your peers with Debate Mate badges to find out more for next year.

Well done to Rahema Islam, Marwa Anwar, Maria Tripode, Ben O'Berry and Yusra Hackim for taking part in the Cup on behalf of the Mulberry community and to all those who have taken part in Debate Mate this year.

Year 9 Theatre Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 9 took part in a theatre workshop run by Loudmouth, who deliver interactive drama performances and workshops on relationships and safeguarding. They began the day with a performance by the company and then, in groups, they discussed and shared opinions about what they had seen to help them develop their understanding of healthy relationships.



MAS MUSICAL PRODUCTION

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT **MUSIC DRAMA SINGING OR DANCE?** **COME ALONG AND AUDITION**

This is your opportunity to showcase your amazing talent!

DATE: WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024
TIME: 3:45 - 4:30PM
PLACE: DRAMA STUDIO (324) AND MUSIC ROOM (323)

You must be committed to rehearsals!

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

CATCH PHRASE

All Years Welcome

House Competition

Thursday May 2nd, 3:45pm - 4:30pm
 In The Library

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

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WORD OF THE WEEK **WOW!**

Manipulate *Verb*

DEFINITION
 To handle or move something in a skilful way. To make someone or something behave as you want them to by being clever or perhaps dishonest.

EXAMPLE
 The puppeteer manipulated the puppet to dance.
 The teenager was easily able to manipulate the small child to give his money away.

SYNONYMS
 To control or operate. To exploit or influence.

ANTONYMS
 To mishandle. To be open and Honest.

CHARACTERISTICS
 From the Latin word 'manipulus' which means handful. The French verb 'manipuler' = to handle.

TRAILFAM

Over the 2 week break, students from MAS were incredible representatives of TrailFam. Firstly, the TrailFam race team were racing in Suffolk. With each runner completing the 8km course, MAS students secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the youth category. Next came time to support. On Saturday 13th April a group of students travelled to the South Downs to cheer on and support runners in the Ultra X Spring Trail Series. With runners completing distances up to 100km, the support of TrailFam was much needed!

Well done to all students involved and Thank you to Mr Ahmed (Inclusion) for his support.



Othello at the Globe

Mr Hawkins, Ms Higgins and a group of Year 12s (plus some keen Year 13s) went to the Globe theatre to see Othello, on a windy evening on the final day of the Spring term. We all enjoyed seeing the London sights as we walked down the River Thames, and the performance itself was electrifying: the theatre was lit by candlelight, and the actors were outstanding. It was so helpful seeing the text we have studied acted out before our eyes, and the modern twist with Othello as a police sergeant in modern day London, rather than Renaissance Venice, was engaging.



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MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Sonia wants to write a positive five-digit integer whose digits are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in some order.

The first digit of the integer is to be divisible by 1, the first two digits are to form a two-digit integer divisible by 2, the first three digits are to form a three-digit integer divisible by 3, the first four digits are to form a four-digit integer divisible by 4 and the five-digit integer itself is to be divisible by 5.

How many such five-digit integers could Sonia write?

ANSWER: 0

Suppose such a five-digit integer exists. Since it is to be divisible by 5, its last digit must be 5. The two-digit integer consisting of the first two digits and the four-digit integer consisting of the first four digits are to be divisible by 2 and by 4 respectively. Therefore the second and the fourth digits of the five-digit integer are both even. Therefore the five-digit integer is of the form $*2*45$ or $*4*25$, with the missing digits being 1 and 3 in some order. The three-digit integer made up of the first three digits is to be divisible by 3 and hence the sum of the first three digits should be divisible by 3. However neither 143 nor 341 is divisible by 3 and hence the five-digit integer is of the form $*2*45$. But neither 1234 nor 3214 is divisible by 4. Therefore there are no possible five-digit integers that Sonia could write.

i Your child is due to receive their HPV vaccination on Monday 22nd April 2024 in school

Please complete the form by following this link, even if you wish to refuse.
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2023/towerhamlets>