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Dear Families,

I hope you are well. Thank you to all families who attended Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday. An exciting time for Year 9 as they make important decisions about what they want to do next!

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams start next week. A timetable has been given to your child. It is vital that students know their exam timetables and arrive to school on time fully prepared for these exams. We wish them the very best of luck!

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.

Flu immunisations

The flu vaccine will be offered at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch this Autumn/ Winter - This year, Vaccine UK will again be offering the nasal spray as well as the gelatine free alternative which is an injection. The nasal spray is more effective for young people however, if you wish your child to receive the flu injection instead of the nasal spray, they will need to consent to the vaccination and then they are given the option of nasal spray or injection.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/towerhamlets>. Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

Preparation for mocks

Year 11 and Year 13 students have been doing a brilliant job preparing for the mocks that start next week. They have attended some special intervention sessions with year 11 teachings in eng, maths and sci taking part in walking talking mocks. We wish them the very best of luck in their exams next week!



Student Leadership

This week we held interviews for the Sixth Form student leadership team. The quality of the candidates was excellent. Well done to those students who were successful and we look forward to working with them in leading our school. We will be announcing those who have been successful in the newsletter next week!

Year 9 Options Evening

It was great to see the year 9 students with their parents on Tuesday as they make important



decisions about their next steps.

Guests from Singapore

On Wednesday, we hosted a really important visit from Headteachers and CEOs from schools in Singapore and the UK. They were really impressed by students and staff at the school. It was organised by the British Council and it was an honour to host this visit.

Thank you,

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal

Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



Sixth Form News

My day in court

Last week I had the wonderful opportunity to spend a day with Judge Trowler at the Old Bailey, Central Criminal Court of England and Wales. She allowed me to attend a murder trial she was conducting (with 1 of the 3 defendants being just 19 years old), gave me access to some documents that would otherwise be off-limits to the public, and showed me the behind-the-scenes of court proceedings. There was a formal remembrance ceremony as well as a fancy lunch event where she introduced me to several judges and the City of London sheriff, and I was able to build connections with members of the legal and justice world but also just chat with really interesting people. As someone who wants to study law at university, this was an extraordinary experience and an unforgettable day that I am so grateful for!

Iusha Hoque, Year 13

Financial Literacy in Action

This week, Rock the Street Wall Street visited to work with Year 12 girls passionate about financial literacy. It's inspiring to see such enthusiasm for building essential life skills!

Learn2Work Workshop Success

The Learn2Work program returned for its second session with the Level 2 Work Skills students. Next up: an offsite visit to experience the working world first-hand!

Celebrating Our New Leaders

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed student leadership team! We wish you every success in creating a lasting and meaningful legacy for the school.

Year 13 Study Group Triumph

It was fantastic to see several Year 13 boys independently start a study group in Room 406 on Thursday afternoon—keep up the great work!

UCAS UPDATE

Our students received more offers from a wide range of courses this week, including:

- Psychology at King's
- History and Politics at Loughborough
- Law at SOAS
- Psychology at UEA
- Computer Science at City
- Drama and Philosophy at Royal Holloway
- Politics at Royal Holloway
- Law at City
- Politics at Sussex
- History and Politics at SOAS
- Cyber Security at Kingston
- Computer Science at Royal Holloway

Societies visit Chelsea

On Tuesday the Economics and Sports societies braved the snowy start to the day to head off to Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea football club. After a long and cold journey the students spent some time in the Chelsea museum taking penalties against Manuel Neuer, testing their reflexes on the goalkeeper training lights (well done Sakariya on being the champ) or competing on FIFA. We then went on a tour around the Bridge with students getting to sit under the bright lights of a press conference, hang out in the Chelsea dressing room and sit out in the famous Chelsea dugout, all while learning about the finances of the Premier League.



House News



Last week, the House team organised an Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament. The competition was fierce and featured several winners and runners up from previous years. On this occasion, Isaac Margham (Y7) in Thames, Mohammed Oore (Y8) in

Trafalgar and Sakariya Jama (Y9) in Thames won their respective competitions. Well done to all players who joined in and a huge thank you to Ms Milton, Ms James and Ms Daly for running this event.

Drop Day

On Thursday 21st November all students had a PHSE drop morning. They all had an introduction to UniFrog, a programme that helps students compare every university, apprenticeship and Further Education course then apply successfully.

Year 7 had a workshop about the concept of consent. Year 8 had a drugs and Alcohol education session. Year 9 explored the challenges and benefits of work and lifelong learning. Year 10 had a 'Maximising Success' session on revision (photos below) and Year 11 had a workshop on health and wellbeing.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Altruistic

adjective

DEFINITION
Showing concern for others by caring and helping them even though it may bring no advantage to you.

EXAMPLE
His altruistic nature made him the perfect nurse.
Jenny made an altruistic decision to give her birthday money to charity

SYNONYMS
Selfless.
Considerate.
Humanitarian.
Generous.

ANTONYMS
Selfish.
Egotistic.

CHARACTERISTICS
Originates from the French word *autrui*, meaning "other people." Which in turn came from the Old French word *autre*, which means "other" which comes from the Latin word *alter*, meaning "other."

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DRAMA CLUB

Years 7-10

TUESDAYS

Room 324 3.30-4.30

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SPORTS

Football Basketball Netball Trampolining Gym club

November & December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	7:30-8:30 Gym club Miss Pitts	7:15-8:30 Basketball Year 8/9 Boys Coach (Sports hall)	7:25-8:30 Boys Football Year 7/8 Mr. Vickers & Mr. Campbell (Sports hall or Muga)	7:15-8:30 Basketball Year 8-10 Girls Coach (Sports hall or Muga)	7:30-8:30 Gym club Miss Coulson-West
After school 3:30-4:45	Basketball Year 7 Boys Coach (Sports hall) Boys Football Year 10 Mr. Donnelly (Sports hall or Muga) Netball Year 7/8/9 Mrs. Hale (Muga)	Badminton All year groups Mr. Coulson (Sports hall)	Basketball Year 8/9 Boys Coach (Sports hall) Girls Football KS3 Year 7, 8 & 9 Miss Pitts Trampolining all year groups Miss Pitts Basketball Year 7 Girls Coach (Sports hall)	Indoor athletics KS3 (Year 7, 8 & 9) Mr. Vickers & Mr. Campbell (Sports hall)	Basketball all year groups games. Coach (Sports hall)

Year 8 Students Take Part in Inspiring Diversity Role Models Workshops

On Wednesday 20th November, all Year 8 students participated in Diversity Role Models (DRM) workshops. The sessions aimed to foster greater understanding and inclusivity, encouraging students to embrace diversity in all its forms.

Delivered by experienced facilitators, from the Diversity Role Models charity; the workshops included personal stories from role models who shared their lived experiences, providing unique insights into topics such as identity, discrimination, and the importance of allyship. The interactive format allowed students to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions, creating a safe space to challenge stereotypes and reflect on their own attitudes and behaviour.

Feedback from students was positive, with many expressing how the workshops helped them think more deeply about the impact of words and actions. One student remarked, "It really showed me how we can support each other and be more understanding."

We are proud to provide opportunities like this that help build a more inclusive school community.



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SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

Theme: Exploring the Role of AI in Shaping Our Future
Question: How can AI transform our daily lives, and what ethical considerations should we address as AI becomes more prevalent?

Would you like to be in with the chance of winning a Scholarship worth between £250-£500? If so, you have the opportunity by entering our "Exploring the Role of AI in Shaping Our Future" competition.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?
MULTIPLE AWARDS OF
£500
£250
AVAILABLE

Submission Rules:
 - Choose one format:
 - A 300-word article
 - A piece of art (e.g., poster, infographic, visual essay)
 - A recorded performance (e.g., spoken word, short presentation)
 - Ensure your submission is original
 - One submission per student
 - Deadline: 25th November 2024
 - Please submit to jtaylor@mulberryschoolstrust.org

To find out more, please contact Ms Taylor: jtaylor@mulberryschoolstrust.org
 Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is delighted to be able to offer scholarship awards to students in Year 12

TRAILFAM

Fantastic to see these students having a great time outdoors - running in the woods with TrailFam this week.



AWESOME!

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Some fish, some dogs and some children are swimming in a bay. There are 40 legs in total, twice as many heads as tails and more dogs than fish. How many fish are in the bay?

ANSWER: 2

Let the numbers of dogs, fish and children in the bay be d, f, c respectively. Then the total number of legs is $4d + 2c$, the number of heads is $d + f + c$ and the number of tails is $d + f$.
 Therefore, $4d + 2c = 40 \dots [1]$ and $d + f + c = 2(d + f) \dots [2]$.
 From [1]: $c = 20 - 2d$. Substituting for c in [2] now gives $d + f + 20 - 2d = 2d + 2f$.
 So $3d + f = 20$ and we know $d > f$. Therefore $4d > 20$ (so $d > 5$) and $3d \leq 20$ (so $d \leq 6$).
 Therefore $d = 6$ and $f = 20 - 18 = 2$. So there are two fish in the bay.

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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
FROM 4-6PM

ARTS AND CRAFTS • THE GROTT • HENNA • TRAFALGAR • TOWER • GLOBE • THAMES

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

COMMUNITY CORNER

Head Girl, Diana Lita interviews Sixth Form Administration Officer Mrs Morgan Black and former MAS students and Teaching Assistants Mr H Ahmed and Ms F Ibrahim



Diana: Tell us about a challenge you have overcome in your career journey?

Mr Ahmed: Initially, I didn't have any prior experience of supporting students with additional needs, but I took courses to develop myself so that I can support the students I work with to the best of my ability and meet their learning needs.

Diana: Can you describe a moment in your career that you are particularly proud of?

Mr Ahmed: There is a student I worked with who I feel I was able to help a lot. We worked on his independence and his confidence and now I see him engaging more with others and exploring more of the school beyond the inclusion area.

Ms Morgan Black: My best moments are when I'm able to make someone who is having a bad day smile. It's rewarding to help turn a student's day around by helping them through their emotions.

Diana: What support systems and mentors have been crucial in your career development?

Ms Ibrahim: Ms Fabian knew me when I was a student. She has always supported and encouraged me. I'm inspired by Ms James, by seeing another black person in a senior leadership role.

Diana: What inspired you to want to work in a school?

Mr Ahmed: In 2022 I went to Somalia and witnessed the challenges in the education system. I vowed to come back to the UK to work in education to develop my skills and knowledge here so that I can eventually go back and give back to the education system in Somalia and support the children there.

Ms Ibrahim: I wanted to work here because of my own experiences of school. I had the support I needed, and I wanted to be that person for future students.

Diana: How should the education system support black students and teachers?

Mr Ahmed: It's inspiring for students to see people from minority backgrounds in higher positions, having people to look up to, to see that they can strive for any goal and not feel hindered.

Ms Morgan Black: We need more teachers from different ethnic backgrounds in Senior Leadership everywhere. Young people need to see people of from their own background in senior positions so that they aspire to follow in their footsteps and don't feel limited in what they can achieve.

STEM CORNER

JPMorgan Schools Challenge

This week the JPMorgan Schools Challenge students had their Launch events! On Monday the two groups worked together with their mentors to decide what aspect of the environment their product was aimed towards improving – air, water or food. Once they had all agreed their next tasks were to develop a slogan for their business and come up with their team names! On Tuesday the students had their second launch event. During an online seminar the students were introduced to the challenge formally and met all the other schools taking part. They competed to win points throughout the seminar and learned more about how products being developed today are improving air, water and food standards! The students did brilliantly and are now hard at work brainstorming ideas for their product!



Physics in ACTION

A Level Physics Trip

On Monday we took year 12 and year 13 Physics students to Physics in Action at Emmanuel Hall in Central London. The event was attended by 100s of other Physics students. Our students had to opportunity to listen to speakers from the world of Physics and learned about all the research being done today! They also heard from people who have taken various routes since studying A Level Physics showing them just how diverse of a career they could be headed into. After lunch the students had a talk from Online Physics on exam technique and how best to prepare for their exams either this year or the following year. The talk concluded with a lecture from Dr Simon Clark. We hope all the students enjoyed and learned something from the event!