

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Families,

I hope you are well.

On Tuesday, students and staff from the Mulberry Schools Trust were invited by Her Majesty the Queen to attend the Women of the World 2025 Reception at Buckingham Palace. The students met and spoke to high profile women and men across many sectors. The students were a credit to the school. Well done Hannah, Henon and Mabel!

Year 11 and Year 13 mocks started this week and are going really well. Well done to students and the exams team.

On Friday, we celebrated Pi Day. The Maths department hosted a range of activities to celebrate this day. Activities included: Pi treasure hunt, a pie and cake sale, Pi recital competition and Pie the teacher! Thank you to Mr Chu for his leadership of this event.

Thank you to the Science team for the activities they ran for Science Week and all the students that had got involved!

Year 8 Options Evening

Year 8 Options Evening will take place on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 3.45pm. It is very important that all Year 8 parents/carers attend.

School Closure

There will be a whole school closure on Monday 31st March 2025. This is due to Eid Al Fitr celebrations. All students return to school on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at the normal start time.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

Women of the World

Last weekend, some of our Global Girl Leaders attended the Women of the World (WOW) 15th Anniversary event at the Royal Albert Hall. To mark this anniversary, they also attended a special reception at Buckingham Palace with Queen Camilla on Tuesday 11th March (more on page 2).



We Can Be

Please see the thank you letter Jessica Taylor received from The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alastair King DL after taking a group of Year 12 girls to the We Can Be

event on 26th February. Students enjoyed an inspiring morning at Rabobank followed by a special event at Guildhall. It was a great insight into The City for our students.



BAE systems Assembly

On Tuesday Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic, interactive careers assembly delivered by the BAE Systems Roadshow.

Thank you,
Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



Sixth Form News

This week has been packed with fantastic opportunities for our students.

Well done to Mabel, Hannah, and Henon, who represented the school at Buckingham Palace for International Women's Day. They were a real credit to the academy!

A huge well done to the Year 12s who attended an early IntoUniversity workshop with Miss Gillott on Thursday. Now is the time to start considering university options and thinking about personal statements.

Last Friday, our Elephant Group students visited Senate House, where they explored the opportunities available to them and developed their critical thinking skills.

Thank you to all students who took part in enrichment on Wednesday—the feedback was excellent! Please note that there will be no enrichment next Wednesday.

On Friday, IPSOS delivered an assembly to prepare students for their insight day on 21st March. This event will provide access to fantastic work experience and apprenticeship

opportunities. Best of luck to those involved!

A big thank you to everyone who made this week possible! We hope these experiences have inspired and broadened students' horizons for their future careers.

Well done to the 19 girls who visited Amazon HQ on Thursday for Global Girl Leading, marking International Women's Day 2025! They made a fantastic impression, engaging with inspiring women, including the EU marketing lead for TikTok, BA pilots, a



Year 12 Enrichment afternoon at the Escape room!

UCAS UPDATE

More great offers this week!

- Biological Sciences at Durham
- Computer Science at Warwick
- Chemistry at King's
- Dental Technology at Cardiff Met

doctor and magistrate, a BBC Sports presenter, and Tesco's strategy lead. The girls represented the school with pride and professionalism!



Last week Dr Nahim Ahmed MBE (Youth and Community Engagement Manager for Poplar HARCA/Spotlight) came in to deliver an assembly on overcoming adversity faced by young people in the borough.

WOW 15th Anniversary event

Here are some moments captured at the Women of the World 15th Anniversary event at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday.



MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX



After a term of hard work put in by our Year 12 STEM Academy students and because we were so impressed with their robots and presentations we took students to the F1 Exhibition at The Excel. Students were able to see first hand the history of F1 and how technology has advanced since the humble British Grand Prix. As students wondered through the exhibition they were able to step into the thoughts of famous engineers and designers and see what actually makes a F1 car win races and how small changes create big leads or losses!



STEM Academy and Science Society

Last Friday Imperial University came in to watch the Rockets for All competition take place! Students from the Year 12 STEM Academy, as part of their volunteer for STEM initiative, developed and ran a water rocket competition. The year 9 students were judged on rocket design, poster presentations and the altitude to which their rockets reached! The year 12 students ran a professional and enjoyable competition for all and the Year 9s put in so much effort it was great to see.



Year 10 Work Experience

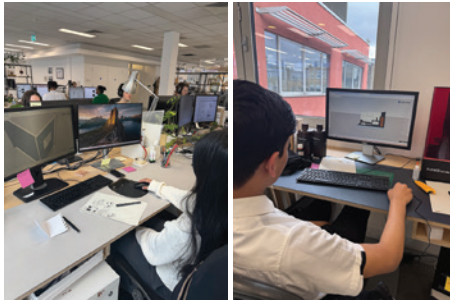
This week half of our Year 10 students have been out on their work experience placements. Here are a few of them at work.

Victoria (below) has been learning about working in law. She has learnt all about different visa types and said:

"I've really enjoyed reading past case studies about people's life journey"



Ethan Price (right) has been gaining hands-on experience as a Technician in our Design Technology Workshop. From assisting with equipment maintenance to supporting projects with primary schools in mind, Ethan has quickly become an integral part of our team using his initiative and showing



Mahbubur and Wajiha - HUT architects

independence. We're excited to see his growth and development in the workshop environment!



TRAILFAM

The TrailFam team ran the Maverick Original Hampshire on Saturday 8th March. Well done to Titi Hassan (Y13) who came 2nd in his race!



On Monday evening the TrailFam race team joined a mentoring session with the amazing TrailFam ambassadors.



House News

This week students have been learning about Neurodiversity as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week. We also had very informative speeches from students in assembly this week, whereby student leaders informed their peers of the importance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and why this day is still important. The House Team are also really looking forward to the penultimate House Event of the Half Term next Thursday - House Mastermind! Do you have a specialist

topic? Do you know everything there is to know about a particular subject you love? From K-Pop to FIFA, from Roman Empires to Anime if you think you have what it takes, please collect a letter from the House Office and state your specialist topic on the reply slip to put yourself in for a chance to win the title of Mulberry Academy Shoreditch Mastermind 2025!



SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate Science Week the Science department ran some exciting activities after school including making bath bombs and a cinema night on the theme, adapting to change - David Attenborough's Asia looking at human conservation efforts.

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch TAG RUGBY

YEAR 7&8 GIRLS

EVERY THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL IN THE SPORTS HALL

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch 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!

★ READING CHALLENGE ★

We're excited to announce that the winners of the Reading Challenge are as follows:

Top House: Trafalgar

Top Year Group: 8

We also awarded prizes to the students for number of books, best reviews and most improved. I am proud to say that students who are on our reading intervention programmes also participated in the Challenge, a huge achievement for them and a sign of the progress they have made.

In the end, nearly 500 books were registered as being read this term. We have also gifted nearly 100 books to our students.

The Reading Challenge continues and has started afresh from Monday this week. The next prizes will be announced in the final half term of this academic year so get reading!

Year 7 Design Tech

Year 7 students recently engaged in a hands-on activity where they constructed catapults using lollipop sticks and elastic bands. This fun project not only allowed them to get creative but also helped them explore the concept of elastic potential energy. As they pulled back their catapults, they observed how the stored energy in the elastic bands was released to launch projectiles, providing a practical understanding of physics in action.



BAFTA Skills workshop

During National Careers Week, we took 30 year 12 students to a Career Insight Day at the BAFTAs, delving into transferable skills and industry pathways. From witnessing Alex Mechanikool Peters' performance to exploring game design with ustwo games, the day brimmed with inspiration.

A standout moment was meeting film director Ben Doyle [RVBBERDUCK] challenging students to craft a TikTok campaign for the SIDEMEN football match which was yesterday at Wembley. Their innovative approaches were a joy to witness. Additionally, the screening of "Crab Day" and the engaging Q&A with writer Aleksandra Sykulak and producer Bart Stanislawek left us truly inspired.

One common query I face as a careers coordinator is, "What job opportunities lie ahead?" The reality? Many future roles are yet to be defined! Did you know the Virtual Popstar sector is forecasted to hit £400 MILLION by 2035? The realm of careers in this domain is bound to be revolutionary. Eager to continue exploring these burgeoning prospects with my students! A heartfelt thank you to all who openly shared their stories, embracing the unknown and highlighting that it's alright not to have all the answers. Empowering students with knowledge about the diverse career avenues available ensures they make well-informed decisions.



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 8 HPV Vaccine 2024-2025 will take place in school on the following dates

1st Date: Thursday 19th June 2025

2nd Date: Thursday 26th June 2025

Please click on the link to consent for your child to receive this:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2024/towerhamlets>