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Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Families,

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Year 12 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was great to have such positive conversations about the students and their progress.

On Thursday students and staff embarked on the TrailFam ultra Snowdonia Residential. We look forward to their return this weekend!

May Half Term

The last day of this half term is Friday 23rd May 2025. All students return to school on Monday 2nd June (Week A). Students in Year 11 and Year 13 will be invited in for targeted grade booster sessions during the half term break.

Eid Ul Adha School Closure

School will be closed on Friday 6th June 2025 for Eid Ul Adha to most students. If your child has an exam, the exam will be running and they should attend school as normal.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

On Thursday 19th June 2025 and Thursday 26th June 2025, the vaccination team will administer the Year 8 HPV Vaccinations on site at MAS. The programme is run by the vaccination team, hosted at the school. The vaccination team need 100% responses. So even if you have decided to decline, the team need to be clear about your wishes for your child on the day. Please also inform your child of your wishes so they are fully aware of the vaccinations that are taking place at the school. The Vaccination team must obtain your written parental consent via their link:

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

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
Principal

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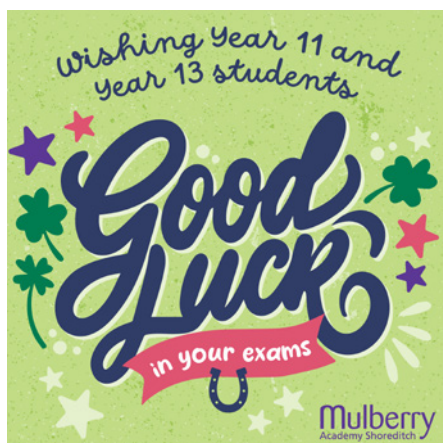
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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

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Summer exams

We'd like to wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck as the exam season gets well underway. You've made a fantastic start, showing real focus and determination—we're proud of the effort and maturity you've shown so far.



Quick Revision Tip: Try a "Brain Dump"—write down everything you know about a topic from memory. It's a great way to boost recall and spot any gaps before an exam.

Mental Health Tip: Remember to take regular short breaks, get some fresh air, and try to switch off properly in the evenings. Your wellbeing matters just as much as your results.

Year 11 students have been coming in early for revision breakfast before their exams and Year 12 are working really hard too—they have been staying after school for evening revision sessions.

Keep going—you've got this!



Parents Evenings

Year 12 had their parents evening on Tuesday and it was lovely to see parents and carers having positive conversations with teachers about their son or daughter's progress.



Primary school classes

Students from St Luke's Primary came in on Tuesday to continue their DT project with Mr De Souza. and Christ Church Primary school students continued their basketball sessions with coach Nestor.

This week is **Mental Health Awareness Week (12th-18th May)** and we know that being active, getting outdoors and being part of a positive community is good for our mental health and wellbeing.

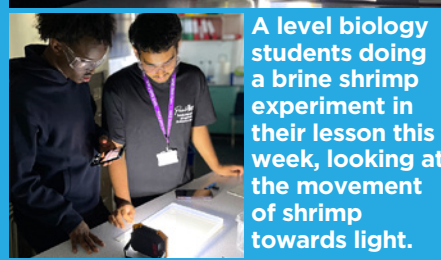
This weekend some of our staff members and students will be running in the Hackney Half Marathon and the TrailFam team will be running and helping other runners in Snowdonia. Good luck to everyone taking part and supporting the runners.

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

Sixth Form News

Well done to all the students who took part in the final Rock the Street, Wall Street financial literacy workshop on Wednesday. This marked the conclusion of a year-long programme aimed at empowering young women through financial education. A particular highlight was the inspiring visit to BlackRock!

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, our Sixth Form Leadership Team took part in a KoothKlass Webinar on Wednesday 14th May. The session explored the importance of mental health, tackled stigma, and encouraged open conversations. Students were also introduced to Kooth, a free, safe, and anonymous online platform commissioned by the NHS to support young people's mental wellbeing.



A level biology students doing a brine shrimp experiment in their lesson this week, looking at the movement of shrimp towards light.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Recognition

Noun

DEFINITION

1. Public respect and thanks for someone's achievements.
2. The act of identifying or knowing someone or something.

EXAMPLE

She was presented with an award in recognition of her excellent progress at school.

He stared at her, but there was no sign of recognition.

SYNONYMS

Appreciation
Acknowledgement
Acceptance

ANTONYMS

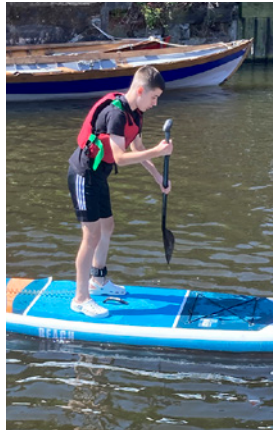
Disbelief.
Blame.

CHARACTERISTICS

From the Latin verb 'recognoscere', re + cognoscere = to re-know or re-see. Recognition is often followed by 'of' or 'that'. The verb is 'recognise'.

Year 7 go Paddleboarding

On Wednesday, a group of Year 7 students had their first paddleboarding lesson at Shadwell. Here are some photos from the session.



SPORTS NEWS

The PE dpt has had an extremely busy 6 weeks of clubs and competitions. A huge well done to students who have competed, their dedication and commitment to attending clubs and preparing for competitions has been excellent. Both Y7&8 Boys and Girls Badminton teams took part in tournament last week, the Girls team made it to the quarter finals but unfortunately went out to Mulberry Girls school, losing 3-2. This week has been a great success for Girls Sport. The Girls Athletics

team secured some great results and worked incredibly hard. A special shout out to Year 7 who finished 1st in all races and to Nasrin Shariff for running her best race yet. Year 7 Girls also represented Mulberry Academy Shoreditch in a Y7 & 8 Football tournament. They worked tirelessly on the pitch and were a fantastic team, winning a number of games and securing themselves a spot in the semi-finals. Unfortunately it was not be this time as they lost by 1 goal in the closing seconds of the match.



On Wednesday, our Sports Society students went to the National Theatre to see Olivier Award-winning *Dear England*, a fictional account of the struggles and successes of England's football teams by James Graham.

First parents yoga session



On Thursday morning, we had our first official yoga session for a group of our parents. The session focused on developing well-being through yoga and mindfulness. Ms Rangrej taught parents some breathing techniques, yoga poses, the anatomy of the body in relation to well-being and relaxations. The session was a huge success and we look forward to holding it next week too!

House News

The House Team is preparing for a very sought after sports event this week - Badminton!! This was an event that was voted for through our student voice survey. The event has already seen a large number of participants interested in competing, so we are expecting it to be a very intense competition. Good luck to all the competitors and may the best player win!!

Oxford University X Ghetto Film School: Women in Film

On Monday 12th May Year 12 students visited Oxford University to take part in an all-day series of lectures and film screenings. This event, organised by Ghetto Film School and the University, celebrated the role of women across the film and cinema industry. After a showcase of films by emerging women

directors, we heard fascinating talks from female industry leaders including directors, casting agents, and screen writers, as well as actresses Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Simone Ashley. The students also enjoyed a tour of Jesus College and visited the Sheldonian lecture theatre.



TRAILFAM

On Sunday 11th May, the TrailFam team ran 5k and 10k races at the Black to the Trails event, at Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate. Dylan came 10th and all the young trail runners did really well in the 12-18s category.

Black to the Trails, organised by Black Trail Runners, is one of the most ethnically diverse trail running event in the world.

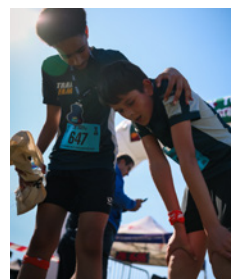
Good luck to all the Fams running the Hackney Half Marathon this weekend and to the team who will be taking part and helping runners at Ultra Trail Snowdonia over the weekend.



BLACK TO THE



TRAILS



Year 8 youth centre workshops

A group of fourteen Year 8 students are attending 6 weekly sessions at Columbia Youth Centre aimed at developing life skills such as communication, critical thinking and independence.

During this week's session on Wednesday they took part in games focused on communication skills, collaboration and using questioning to form opinions for debate. One of which ended with two teams debating on how to resolve a scenario of conflict in a workplace. Students then had a short discussion around the topics followed by refreshments and free time either playing games, creating artwork or socialising.





HOUSE ESPORT GAMING COMPETITION

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY
IN THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL
ALL YEARS WELCOME
Sign up in the house office



Paws to Draw Art Competition

Whether you love dogs, cats, horses or small pets, this is a chance to have fun, get creative, and help raise awareness of pet homelessness in the UK.

You can take part in Paws to Draw by drawing one of the pets that Blue Cross has cared for at their rehoming centres. Although they're all different, they have one thing in common – Blue Cross helped them find a loving new home.

How to enter

Find inspiration

Read the stories of cats, dogs, horses and small pets that Blue Cross have rehomed.

Draw or paint your chosen pet on A4 piece of paper.

Submit your entry!

The winning piece will be published in national press!

For more information and resources, please see Miss Kilmanaite or Miss Ephgrave.

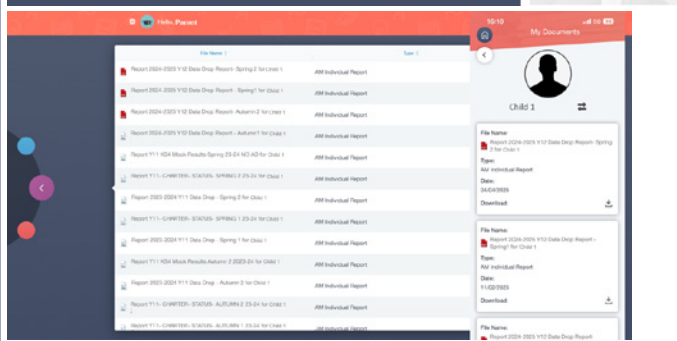
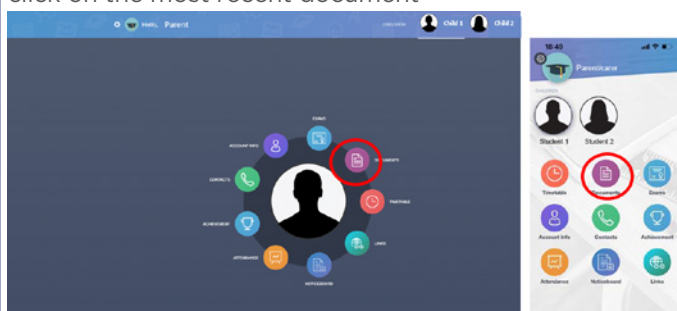


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Accessing your child's report

Your child's data report is available in Edulink. Edulink can be accessed through the web browser www.edulinkone.com or via the App. Your login details will have been emailed to you. Please email parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org if you need these details again.

Once you have logged in please go to documents and click on the most recent document



READING CHALLENGE

This week's books and reviews

Rahema Islam in Year 8 read *Now* by Morris Gleitzman "Decades post war, "now" is a book in the POV of Felix's granddaughter, Zelda, who learns about her grandpas terrifying near death experiences. Together, they face a new challenge while Felix holds on to the past."

Faizah Ahmed in Year 9 read *Fire with Fire* by Jenny Han "And sure nothing is guaranteed but that's what makes it awesome, you know? The face that it isn't"

Zakariya Sufi in Year 7 read *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck "The pearl made Kino become a bad man"

Fatuma Sahra Mohamed in Year 12 read *Death in the blood* by Caroline Wheeler "Story of the blood transfusion scandal"

Summayah Ahmed in Year 12 read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee "A book with a feeling that stays with you"

Zoya Yakub in Year 8 read *The Summer Hikaru Died* by Mokumokuren "A good horror/slice of life centred around 2 boys"

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:

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Lost Property

Please collect your lost property items over by Friday 23rd May

Any lost property not collected by this date will be donated to charity.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Taran thought of a whole number and then multiplied it by either 5 or 6. Krishna added 5 or 6 to Taran's answer. Finally Eshan subtracted either 5 or 6 from Krishna's answer. The final result was 73. What number did Taran choose?

ANSWER: 12

THAT network's online art exhibition

View our students' work at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/connecting-narratives2025/home>