

# ISSUE 211 . FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

**NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR SCHOOL** 

#### **Executive Principal's and Principal's News**







#### Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf visit MAS

On Monday, we welcomed a group of girls from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf in Cardiff. They enjoyed a workshop with MAS students in the library before heading off for a walk around Brick Lane and the local neighbourhood and bowling at All Star Lanes in Bricklane. They had a great time and our students can't wait to visit them in Cardiff. Thank you to Ms Earle and Ms James for organising the lovely workshop.

#### **DfE Conference**

On Wednesday, we were very pleased to host the Department for Education Reception Year Quality Conference. We welcomed Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for Schools Standards who gave the keynote speech as well as delegates - headteachers, leaders and speakers from across the region.

Thank you to all staff who helped to make the day a great success and to student ambassdors and the choir who helped make our visitors feel so welcome.





#### **Bexhill visit**

On Thursday some year 8 and 9 students from Bexhill visited Shoreditch as a reward.

They had a lovely time playing basketball with coach Nestor eating pizza and bowling in Brick Lane

Thank you to Ms Zanat, Ms Montgomerie, Mr Collis, Ms Haywood and Ms Armstrong for their help and support and ensuring the students had a great experience at our school.

Thank you,

Mrs Ruth Holden,

Executive Principal **Ms Melissa Gibson,** Principal

## **Sixth Form News**

This week, we celebrated the Year 13 Formal Dinner at Liverpool Street — a truly memorable evening filled with laughter, conversation, and celebration. Our students made a real effort to dress to impress, enjoy a delicious three-course meal, and dance the night away. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and we hope the night will be remembered for years to come.

Last Friday, we also held the Year 13 Leavers' Assembly — another special occasion marking the end of an important chapter. Highlights included heartfelt video messages from staff, well-wishes for the future, and the ever-popular shirt signing. We hope all students enjoyed this moment of reflection and celebration



Meanwhile, Year 12 mock exams are well underway. A big well done to all students sitting assessments.

Finally, a reminder that Year 12 Work Experience begins next week. If you haven't yet collected your placement letter, please see Mr Khan as soon as possible.











# **Surfing and Camping trip**

by Amaaya Jehan Ali (8E)

We went with 18 students to Joss Bay, on the Surfing and Camping Trip with the charity Get Out! Mr Beckerton and Ms Pitts took us straight to the beach on Monday to learn the basics of surfing. We practiced paddling out, balancing, and riding a wave. After this we came to the campsite and made pizzas on the campfire. They were great! For the second day we went to Viking Bay to play team building games. We had to build a tower raft out of surfboards and climb to the top. Overall, the trip has been really fun! One of the favourite things we did was play a big game of hide and seek in the forest! I'd definitely recommend this trip to students next year.









#### MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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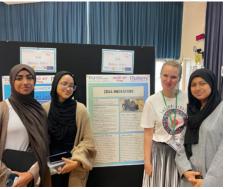
# **Mulberry STEM Academy Robotics**

On Saturday, we hosted Y10s STEM Academy students from all 5 schools for a trust-wide robotics competition. Students attended an introductory session where they learned the core skills needed to build and program MicroBit MiniBit robots. Through paper-based group tasks, they explored the logic and structure behind robotics programming. Working in teams of 3-4, students then independently assembled and coded their robots to complete three progressively challenging tasks, where each robot had to draw a different shape.

getting progressively more complex. This Saturday, students competed in the robot drawing competitions and also presented their work in a university-style A1 poster, explaining their projects to a panel. Across the two Saturday sessions, students developed a wide range of skills including independent group work, resilience, creativity, and confidence in presenting technical ideas.











## **Year 13 celebration dinner**

More photos from the Year 13 dinner on Monday evening..















## Proud to be

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of hosting "Proud to be" at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. Proud to Be is an organisation celebrating cultural diversity and the importance of heritage in our identity. A selection of students from Year 7.8 and 9 had the privilege of participating in a workshop where they partook in a virtual "food fight", whereby they decided which food won their vote. learnt about the vast cultural background of our community in London and then had the opportunity to write a personal piece of poetry reflecting their own background and cultural heritage, allowing them to express what makes them proud to be them! Some students were even brave enough to stand up in front of the class and perform their entirely original pieces, which was incredible to see as students all learnt new things about their peers. We look forward to welcoming back Proud to Be for Culture Day and having more students perform at our Culture Day showcase!



### PRIDE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This week students participated in a fun series of lunch time workshops to celebrate Pride month including: Pride Flag Crafts, LGBTQIA+ Trivia and Pizza Party, Pride Cupcake decorating and Pride Bracelet making.

There was great student turnout and a real buzz around Pride and supporting members of the LGBTQ+ community.

On Thursday after school, we also hosted our first ever Pride celebration event for staff. Congratulations to Mr Kobler, Ms Roebuck and Ms Fletcher who won the Trivia!







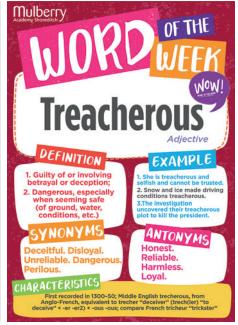


### **Economics Society Scavenger Hunt**

On Monday students from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch and Mulberry Woodside met up at Liverpool Street Station to be led on a scavenger hunt around the famed financial district of the square mile. Over 2 hours the students explored the nooks and crannies of the City of London seeking out notable locations in order to answer a series of baffling questions. They found the smallest statue in London, visited the site of a Jack the Ripper case, went to see the Bank of England, The Monument before returning to Liverpool Street to inspect the Kindertransport statue. Ultimately the winners were Mulberry



Academy Shoreditch students Thomas, Akram, Kiren, Sam, Jahid and Yahya. Despite being the smallest team the boys made it up for it with some positive energy and a willingness to use the locals as a source of inside information to find the various locations.



# Windrush Day celebrations 2025

This year, we had our largest programme of celebrations for Windrush Day yet, including:

Student-led assemblies researched, planned and delivered by a different tutor group in each year group from Years 8 to 10. Thank you to students from 8B, 9C and 10E!

A vibrant display outside the library about Windrush migrants, their stories and their legacy

A wonderful **video** featuring our students (Jaya, Fatou, Rochelle and Melissa) and a special personal story from Ms Anderson. Please note their messages about what we can learn today from the stories of Windrush migrants, their successes and their struggles.

An after school celebration event attended by staff, students and parents. The event was hosted by Melissa in Year 10 and involved a screening of our Windrush video and delicious Caribbean refreshments prepared by our wonderful catering team, including Jerk Chicken Skewers, Jerk Meatballs, Jerk Pineapple Bites, Pineapple Cake and Ginger Cake









# **Healthy Schools** celebration

A group of students attended the Healthy Schools celebration at the Town Hall. They took part in a number of activities from making healthy smoothies using bicycles to make them, a workshop with The Royal Ballet School to

Football challenges with West Ham.

Students then received the Gold Healthy Schools Award recognising Mulberry Academy Shoreditch for the commitment and work that goes into making our school the healthiest it can be.



#### Crime scene workshop

Earlier this week, our Year 12 Criminology students took their studies to a new level as they investigated a murder in our Crime Scene to Courtroom workshop with Zakon Training. This workshop allowed students to participate in a criminal investigation, from hearing the 999 call, witnessing the crime scene (expertly set up next door), writing notes, gathering evidence and deciding to prosecute the defendant, which ultimately lead to a fantastic mock trial in the afternoon whereby students took on the roles of detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, the defendant, witnesses the judge and the jury. Jurors were left with a tough decision as the prosecution and defence team argued their cases admirably. This day was a fantastic way for students to learn about the whole investigation process and the multitude of different personnel that have to work together to ensure justice is served, which will help them a lot with their studies as they move into Year 13!









#### YOU ASKED

#### WE LISTENED

Our MAS parents and carers have asked about guidance on how they can keep their children safe online - NSPCC has recently provided an excellent workshop that parents and carers can view in their own time with lots of tips and tricks. Their new Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation

covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support!



#### MATHS PROBLEMOF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

How many times between midday and midnight is the hour hand of a clock at right angles to the minute hand?

#### ANSWER: 22

The hands are at right angles to each other twice in every hour except that the only time between 2.00 and 3.00 is just after 2.27 and the only time between 8.00 and 9.00 is just after 8.27.