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Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Families,

It has been a brilliant week at the school with lots of educational trips and visits taking place. It was wonderful to welcome Year 7 students back to school on Tuesday after they returned from their residential trip. Students had a wonderful time. A number of students studying Spanish travelled to Barcelona this and the Duke of Edinburgh students were very excited as they set off on their expeditions.

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>

Trust Inset Day

As per the school calendar, the school will be closed on Monday 30th June due to a Trust Inset day.

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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Schools Trust





Executive Principal's and Principal's News

Wishing Year 11 and
year 13 students

Good Luck
in your exams

Just another week or so to go before our Year 11 and Year 13 students finish their exams! We wish them the very best of luck. Keep up the hard work - you're almost there!

Primary Schools

It has been lovely to welcome lots of Year 5 and 6 children from our local



primary schools: Mowlem, St Luke's and Christ Church Primary School here at MAS this week. They have been doing mask-making, DT, cooking and basketball.

Last week Christ Church Primary School held their Sports Day here at MAS and had a great time.

Bushcraft trip

Thank you to Ms Pitts who took a group of Year 7 students to Penhurst



Woods in Kent this week, on a bushcraft residential trip.

Trip to Barcelona

A group of 25 students have spent the week in Barcelona exploring the sights and practicing their Spanish. Thank you to Mr Robertshaw, Ms Padfield and Ms Armstrong for organising and going along on the trip. The students had a fantastic time and we'll have lots of photographs to show you in the next newsletter.

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

Sixth Form News

Well done to all students who completed the Network Rail - Track to the Future programme this week. This opportunity offered valuable insight into the rail industry and careers in engineering and infrastructure.

Year 12 assemblies took place this week, celebrating student achievement and progress across subjects. Certificates were also awarded to those who have taken part in

enrichment opportunities this half term - well done to everyone involved.

Final exams are nearly complete - just over a week to go. Keep focused and finish strong. We're also looking ahead to important end-of-year events:

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 20 June 2025 | 1.45pm

A chance to reflect on your time at Sixth Form, celebrate shared memories and say farewell. All Year 13 students are invited to attend.

Year 13 Celebration Dinner

Monday 23 June 2025 | 5.00-7.00pm

Tickets are £20 and available from Ms Morgan-Black in the Sixth Form office. The menu will be shared when you purchase your ticket. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of your Sixth Form journey together - we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Are you looking for a Sixth
Form place in September?

Open Morning

Saturday 14th June
9:00-10:00AM

Come and see us!

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Contentious

Adjective

DEFINITION

Causing or likely to cause an argument

EXAMPLE

1. The author wrote a contentious novel which caused a great deal of unrest.
2. I try to avoid contentious topics of conversation which might lead to arguments.
3. While my grandfather was adored by many people, quite a few others found him to be a contentious man.

SYNONYMS

Argumentative, Factious, Antagonistic, Bickering.

ANTONYMS

Agreeable.

CHARACTERISTICS

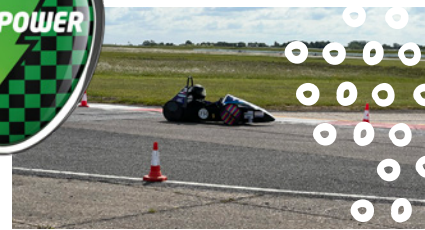
1400-50; late Middle English contenciose < Latin contentiosus, equivalent to contenti(o) contention + -osus-ous

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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Bedford Autodrome

On Sunday 8th June our Greenpower team went to a new racing track, Bedford Autodrome. During practice two drivers went for three timed laps to decide who would race for the competition. It was also decided that to increase battery preservation, the gear ratio was increased which meant the car would go a little slower than practice. For the actual race, we had a good start and led the class for two laps to then be overtaken by a more experienced team. At the end we came fourth in the class behind Mulberry School for Girls. The team spirit was high throughout the race!



Year 12 Students Get on Track with Rail Industry Insight

Our Year 12 students recently took part in Track to the Future, an exciting careers program delivered by Arriva Rail London, RSSB, and The Talent Foundry. The initiative offered a unique look at the UK rail industry and its wide range of career opportunities.

Students began with a visit to New Cross Gate Depot, where they explored how trains are maintained and met engineers who keep London's Overground running safely and efficiently.

At Arriva Rail's HQ in Southwark, students attended a company-wide

staff meeting led by Managing Director Steve Best. He shared the company's annual targets and vision for the future of rail across the nation, giving students rare insight into leadership at the highest level.

The visit also included workshops on customer service, innovation, and career planning—helping students develop valuable skills and explore roles in engineering, operations, and business.

It was an inspiring experience that broadened horizons and opened doors for future career paths.



Bushcraft with Year 7

On Monday and Tuesday a group of Year 7 students went on a residential trip to Penhurst Woods in Kent where they built fires, made traps, built shelters and cooked their own food - learning bushcraft skills and having a lot of fun.



DofE First Aid

On Wednesday 11th June, our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh cohort visited St. Hilda's Community Centre in Bethnal Green for a First Aid training session delivered by St John Ambulance. During the session, students learned essential life-saving skills, including how to perform CPR and manage bleeding, along with other vital First Aid techniques.

The students were highly engaged throughout and gained valuable knowledge they can carry with them for life, skills that could one day make a real difference. Thank you to St Hilda's Community Centre who organised this for our students!



HOUSE EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

Your last chance to help your House get the most points to win the coveted House Cup!

- Wednesday 18th June**
Boys Football Competition
- FRIDAY 20th June**
Year 10 Anime Screening at Lunch
- Wednesday 25th June** – Proud2Be Workshop
- Wednesday 9th July** – End Of Year House Trip to Chessington World of Adventures
- Friday 11th July**
Year 9 Anime Screening at Lunch
- Wednesday 16th July** Sports Day
- Monday 21st July**
Culture Day & Summer Fayre

Speak to the House Team or a student House Leader for more information.

SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE... TIME TO HAVE FUN!

St Lukes mask-making

Pupils from St Lukes Primary School came in on Monday to work with Ms Kilmanaite to design and make animal masks. They were a super creative group and began by doing some paper maché to create the shape of their mask. They'll be coming back next week to continue the project. We're looking forward to seeing their finished pieces.



Poetry Slam

The Writer's Haven Club hosted a Poetry Slam event in the library which was a success (over 40 students attended)! Students took to the stage to share powerful poems exploring their heritage, experiences with racism, and the battle between love and hate. Using a variety of literary devices, they brought their stories to life, creating a moving and memorable experience for all. Staff members also joined in to show their support, adding to the warm and encouraging atmosphere. The energy in the room was infectious, with students beaming as they listened, cheered, and celebrated each other's poetry.

East End Girls

I'm not your shadow, not your side,
I'm a Bengali girl, I walk with pride.
From the East End streets to the school gate,
I move with power, I don't carry your hate.
They think hijab means I don't speak,
But my voice is loud, my mind's unique.
From Brick Lane to the markets near,
We're East End girls, let's get that clear.
Labels? Nah. I make my own.
Not "too brown," not "too unknown."
Strong like my mother, bold like my gran,
We're Bengali girls, we have a plan.
We're not your joke. We're not your shame.
East End girls, remember the name.

By Hamisha Akhtar & Mahdiya Yasmin 9A



Year 7 students dissecting flowers and learning about all the different parts in Ms Hussain's biology lesson last week.

Economics Society



Economics society students from MAS and Mulberry Stepney Green came together on Wednesday to take part in a business simulation game. The students competed well and quickly landed on the 2 effective strategies of high prices, low sales volume or the converse strategy of low prices and high sales numbers. The simulated goods for sale were doughnuts and at the end of the session students gorged themselves silly on Krispy Kremes. The winning student was Bobby from Year 9 who stuck to his luxury good pricing strategy throughout and ultimately proved himself to be quite the doughnut magnate!



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Tower Hamlets residents' sessions:

Click and Collect:

Tuesdays 12:30 pm to 4 pm
(Order by 1 pm Sunday)
Fridays 8 am to 12 pm
(Order by 9 pm Wednesday)

Come and see us:

Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm
Thursdays 10 am to 1 pm

Open session — Non-Tower
Hamlets Residents welcome:
Wednesdays 14:00 to 19:00

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

In a pirate's trunk there are 5 chests. In each chest there are 4 boxes and in each box there are 10 gold coins. The trunk, the chests and the boxes are all locked. Blind Pew unlocks 9 locks and takes all the coins in all the boxes he unlocks.

What is the smallest number of gold coins he could take?

ANSWER: 30

To obtain the smallest number of gold coins, the least possible number of boxes must be opened. Therefore, Blind Pew must open the trunk and all five chests, leaving only three boxes to be opened. Hence the smallest number of gold coins he could take is $3 \times 10 = 30$.