

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic week at school. A huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have now completed their exams, we are incredibly proud of their hard work. Thank you to our brilliant exams team for ensuring everything ran smoothly. Students who went on the Barcelona trip had an amazing time, creating memories and enjoying Spanish culture and cuisine. We had a lovely event after school on Thursday in celebration of Windrush Day. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who were involved and who came along to support the event.

As the weather continues to be very warm, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated.

### **Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Exams**

Good luck to Year 10 and Year 12 who start their mock exams next week. All students have been given a timetable to support them with their preparation, please do go through this with your child.

### **Trust Inset Day - School closed for students**

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

### **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 3.45pm.

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

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### Sixth Open Morning

On Saturday we had a fantastic morning showcasing our amazing sixth form to students from schools from all over London

Our sixth form is very popular and we offer the most amazing curriculum and loads of trips and opportunities

It was great to be able to meet so

many external students and parents who want to come here

Thanks to Ms Montgomerie Ms Scales Mr Griffiths and Ms Margherita for there work on this

### Society trip

On Tuesday, the Politics Society had a fantastic trip to SOAS University. Students from MAS, MSfG and MSG went along for the day to tour the campus (the library is amazing!), see the lecture halls and experience a typical seminar session with the SOAS Student Ambassadors. The students had a great time and fully embraced the discussions on protest, religion and politics -they are future politicians in the making!

We have welcomed lots of visitors this week, from St Leonard's Academy Hastings, from Ravensbourne in Bromley and from Portsmouth. As we've have taken



them on tours of the school we've been able to show them fabulous lessons and lovely things going on throughout the school. Thank you to all involved in these visits.

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

## Sixth Form News

Well done to our Year 12 Scholarship Award winners, who enjoyed a celebratory brunch with Mrs Holden on Thursday. It was a pleasure to hear them speak so positively about their Sixth Form experience and to take a well-earned break from their mock exams.

Only one day to go until Year 13 complete their public exams! A huge well done to all students for their focus, resilience and determination throughout the exam period.

Congratulations to all students taking part in optional enrichment this half term. It's been fantastic to see so many of you engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of activities and sports.

Our Year 12 students returned from Barcelona on Sunday, having enjoyed a fantastic trip filled with culture, learning, and shared experiences. A big thank you to the staff who supported the visit.

We also held a very successful June Open Morning on Saturday, welcoming over 50 parents and prospective students. We look forward to seeing many of them join us in Year 12 next academic year.



## Geography field trip

On Thursday, Year 10 geography students went to Canary Wharf looking at changes in land use to support their GCSE Unit 3 exam.



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

# Disposition

Noun

**DEFINITION**

1. The natural qualities of a person's character;
2. A natural tendency to do something;
3. The way something is placed or arranged

**EXAMPLE**

The new teacher has a bright smile and a cheerful disposition.  
John has a disposition to argue and often gets himself in trouble.  
The plan shows the disposition of the rooms.

**SYNONYMS**

Temperament  
Inclination/Tendency  
Arrangement

**ANTONYMS**

Disinclination.  
Disarrangement.

**CHARACTERISTICS**

First recorded in 1325-75; Middle English disposicioun, from Anglo-French or directly from Latin dispositiō- (stem of dispositiō), equivalent to disposit(us) (past participle of disponere "to distribute"; dispo- (see dispose) + -itus past participle suffix) + -iōn- -iōn-



# Gliding with the Sports Society



Last week Year 9 students in the Sports Society went gliding at Cambridge Gliding Centre.



## Year 9 Work Experience Day at KPMG and Canary Wharf Group

Our Year 9 students recently participated in an enriching work experience day at KPMG's Canary Wharf headquarters, as part of their 'Opening Doors to Opportunities' initiative. The day began with a warm welcome and icebreaker activities, followed by an insightful tour of the 13th floor, where students engaged in discussions about various departments and career paths within KPMG. They also participated in a hands-on workshop focused on sustainability, tackling real-world challenges such as electronic waste recycling. The experience not only enhanced their



understanding of professional environments but also fostered teamwork, problem-solving, and creative thinking skills. Later, students visited Canary Wharf Group's headquarters, where they explored the company's diverse operations beyond property development, including finance, legal, marketing, technology, and arts. This visit provided students with a comprehensive view of the multifaceted nature of modern businesses and the wide range of career opportunities available. These initiatives underscore our commitment to providing students with valuable insights into potential career pathways and the skills required to succeed in today's dynamic work landscape



## Philosophy debate

Last Thursday evening the Year 12 RS class (and some Year 13s and extra friends) went to a live philosophy debate: 'The Mystery of Morality' at the Royal Institution.

*'The debate was engaging and it was interesting to see how we can relate real life issues to Philosophy and Ethics. Hearing Peter Singer and Richard Swinburne debate why they believe in God or not really made me think and make links to other philosophers and topics in lessons. Overall, I loved the experience and had a detailed discussion with teachers and friends afterwards!' - Fathima, Year 12*



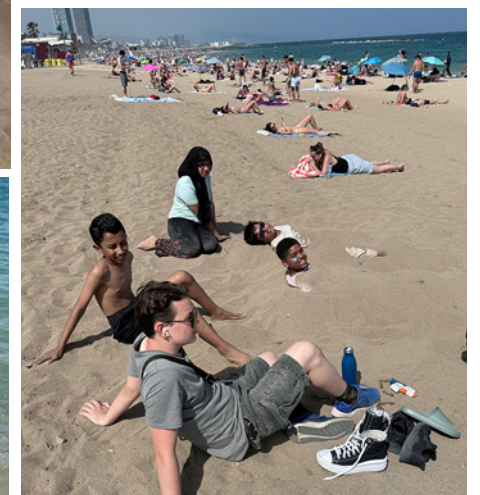
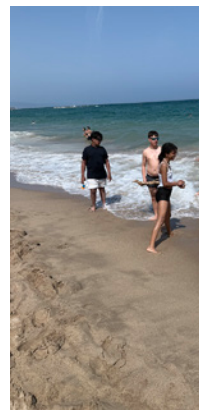


# Una semana en Barcelona

Last week, a group of students went to Barcelona to experience the city's culture and to practice their Spanish. They visited the fantastical Sagrada Família church and other modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. They went to the Boqueria Market, the Arc de Triomf and the National Art Museum of Catalonia.



Students also had time to enjoy some time at the sandy Barceloneta Beach and dip their feet in the Mediterranean sea.



## HOUSE EVENTS

**THIS HALF TERM**

**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!**



# Student Leaders receive Racial Justice Award

On Thursday 19th June, our fantastic student leaders met with visitors from Fig Tree International and the SSAT to receive a prestigious award for 'Race and Conscious Equality'. The 'Beacon Status Award' recognises the school for its work promoting cultural celebration and racial justice in school and how it opens its doors to other schools to share good practice.

Who better to receive the award than our amazing Student Leaders who make such an impact on how we celebrate cultural diversity in school.

They spoke about:

- Being Diversity Captains- how they've not only educated others but also connected more deeply with their own heritage
- Researching and leading cultural celebration assemblies (Black History Month, Bangladesh Independence)
- Creating displays and running stalls at Culture and Winter Fayre
- The Mother Tongue Language and Windrush Day celebration videos they contributed to making
- Attending the Community Iftar
- Presenting to teachers from Australia about how we celebrate Black History
- Sharing and learning from others on Culture Day

Thank you to Hannah (Y12), Fatou (Y9), Israel (Y9), Jayla Bree (Y7). Our visitors said they were 'articulate', 'born leaders' and 'truly inspiring'.



# OFF the EASEL

COMING SOON

Ms Ephgrave's Art Club students are currently designing an art magazine called 'off the easel' which they hope to complete very soon... Look out for their magazine packed with information about art and artists - coming soon!



## edulinkone

The parent liaison team will be present for our next parent evenings, so feel free to bring any questions you may have about Edulink! We are located close to the main desk for parents and carers!

## A CALL OUT TO PARENTS & CARERS

Would you like to be involved in our school Summer Fayre? Do you have a small business you would like to promote or a penchant for running stalls? We would love to hear from you! Please note that we are raising money for "Save the Children" and a discretionary 20% of all profits made from small businesses that participate in our Summer Fayre will be donated to this charity. Please contact [emilton@mulberryschooltrust.org](mailto:emilton@mulberryschooltrust.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

We look forward to hearing from you! Best, The House Team"

## House News

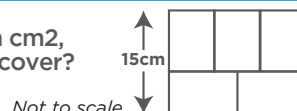
This Wednesday the House Team held it's hotly anticipated Boys Football Tournament, where our teams braved the warm weather and kicked valiantly to bring the title of "Boys Football Champions 2025" to their House. Each team played three matches against other Houses, then we had the semi-final between Trafalgar, Tower, Tate and Thames, before Tate and Thames went head to head in the final and then a nail-biting penalty shootout where it was a 'will they won't they' for both Teams! After an equal set of goals up until the fourth penalty, Rayan Liton took the winning penalty for Thames as cheers erupted from the his Team! A special shout out to Alim Hossain for his brilliant goal keeping and a huge congratulations to all the boys involved. We look forward to the next tournament



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Five identical rectangles fit together as shown. What, in  $\text{cm}^2$ , is the total area which they cover?



Not to scale

**ANSWER:  $270 \text{ cm}^2$**

Let the length and breadth of each of the rectangles be  $a \text{ cm}$  and  $b \text{ cm}$  respectively. Then  $2a = 3b$  and  $a + b = 15$ . So  $2a + 2b = 30$ . Therefore  $3b + 2b = 30$ , that is  $b = 6$ .

So the total area covered by the five rectangles is that of a rectangle measuring  $18 \text{ cm}$  by  $15 \text{ cm}$ , i.e.  $270 \text{ cm}^2$ .