

Word on the Street

STUDENT NEWS AND VIEWS



Prefects

MAS's 2025 cohort of perfect Prefects have been concluding their year as school leaders excellently this Summer Term.

Prefects have set the bar incredibly high for the current Y9 cohort, who will be able to apply for the Prefect roles in Autumn Term next year.

The eighteen Year 10 Prefects, who were selected from over thirty brilliant applications, have been continuing to conduct weekly break duties this term. All Prefects continue to offer their time and expertise in volunteering to help out at events such as Parents' Evenings and the Rise & Read program, in which younger students are paired with the Prefects for additional reading support sessions.

Lead Prefects

The Lead Prefects, who were selected last term, have been

representing the school leadership team at MAS in a very professional and dignified manner this term—well done to Tama, Victoria, Faiza, Sumaiya and Melissa for their successful



appointment to this role. Below, the image shows several of the Leads conducting parent surveys at Y12 Parents' Evening. They were also present and representing themselves respectfully and excellently at Y9 Parents' Evening! This was particularly significant given that the current Y9s will become next year's Y10 Prefects...

As part of their role, they have been continuing to conduct uniform checking and equipment checking every Friday Week A with an assigned Year 7 form. This not only builds their skills as school leaders but also improves their visibility amongst KS3, who have been grateful to have older student role models within the school community.



The Prefects are: Left to right, Top row: Yunus Ahmed Afsar, Ethan Cox, Melissa Kibrom, Faiza Rahman, Victoria Selby, Tama Ibrahim, Sumaiya Choudhury, Inaya Jobber, Isabella-Skye Clarke. Bottom row: Amelia Rahman, Lisbeth Guacho, Najwa Ali, Mehek Azad, Zara Hussain, Micaiah Kohler, Riaz Cuffy, Saad Bhuiyan, Ahmed Ahmed

Tower Hamlets Free School Meals Research

On Tuesday the 17th of June, several researchers and Doctors came in from Queen Mary University London to interview students, parents and staff about their opinions of the Free School Meals scheme, which is a scheme piloted by Tower Hamlets Council. This research day was

funded by the council in order to establish how it can be improved and whether it can be rolled out across other boroughs. It is exciting to think that our students' and staffs' input will go on to shape impactful government policy and decision-making!

Amongst the student participants

were two students for Y7-Y10 as well as their parents! This was an exciting opportunity for our school community to partake in research that has a real, lasting impact upon young people's lives across London! Visitors spoke very highly of the attitudes, enthusiasm and overall demeanour of the students and parents.

School Council

Student Council has continued holding their fortnightly meetings and new students continue to be recruited to work on their own projects.

Our executive team has remained the same in Summer Term, which has created consistency and better visibility for our Council- Chair: Benjamin O'Berry 8F, Deputy Chair: Aiden Bolding 7D, Secretary- Aayan Hussain 7D, and all the MAS Student officers and Environmental Officers and regular attendees to these important meetings. Of course, well done to all students who volunteer to help out with the Council as well!

The Council's Recycling Project and the MAS Environmental Officers

The Council's Recycling Project has achieved its aims and is now concluded for the year. The Environment Officers worked with Ms Montgomerie on ensuring the awareness of the new recycling policy has been a sustained school-wide success.

The Council has continued to share their passion for recycling and taking better care of the environment in assemblies and registration resources to raise the profile yet further of recycling at MAS.



Students are reminded to speak to their Council representatives about issues they are having or suggestions they have for fun and new events to implement at MAS. You can identify them by their shiny red or purple Student Council badges. Please also feel free to come along to the meetings which happen every Thursday Week B during lunch in the library.

Rewards, rewards, more rewards!

Many students have been enjoying rewards trips and pizza parties as a result of their hard work this year on a wide range of projects; from being within the top 20 students in each house group for house points to being selected for trips such as the Y7 Bushcraft trip, students have been duly rewarded this half term! This year's House Rewards trip will be to

Chessington World of Adventures...

Recently, Student Voice leaders within the Student Council, Prefects team and Debate Mate squads enjoyed a pizza party as a group. It was nice to see the older Prefects taking care of and checking in with the younger Councillors and seeing many of the younger pupils asking questions to their elders about student leadership opportunities further on in their school career.

On Thursday 17th July, a selection of student leaders will be taken to Genesis Cinema for an afternoon of fun and popcorn for going above and beyond this year. Included in the group will be the five Lead Prefects, who have excelled, and the Councillors who spoke in assemblies about the new recycling system which was implemented in Spring Term. Again, it will be excellent to see a range of year groups and students coming together to celebrate their collaborative efforts within MAS's student leadership.



Student News and Views

“A highlight for me this school year has definitely been the sports I have been able to take part in and also studying Geography. I enjoy Geography because the topics we learn about are extremely interesting. Learning about how to help the world reduce climate change and about the effects of our actions is extremely interesting and important.

I like doing sport because it's a form of entertainment for me! When we did the netball competition, we need to use leadership and communicate with our team. We did not win but it still showed us that, even if we did not win, we must always work together. I enjoyed it! I also took part in a basketball competition- I love playing basketball! If you don't communicate with your team, you wouldn't be able to play as well! It doesn't matter how much talent or skill you have, you won't play as well

without your team!"
Oluwatomilola Fakeye, Y7

“This term I have been lucky enough to go on a trip to Young Baftas. I am also looking forward to going on the Chessington trip if I am still on the top 20 for house points!" Nanziba Rifah Y7

“This year, I have been on two trips and I also got a certificate for my progress in Art. One of the trips was art-related and for the other, I got selected!" Abdur Rahman Jahed Y7

“This term, I have been lucky enough to go on a trip to Bushcraft. In Maths, which I love, we have been learning about rectangles." Mikael Rahman Y7

“This term, I have been lucky enough to go on the Young Baftas trip. A highlight for me this

school year has been me passing a lot of tests." Ali Uddin Y7

“In the first half of the year (September-February), I went to Flip Out as I was in the top 5 for housepoints in Trafalgar. Two of my friends came with me, Sabreen and Hafsa, and we all were extremely excited. While going down the practically vertical slide, I didn't cross my arms in time and bumped my head on it. I laughed it off and, when we went home, was quite upset at the prospect of leaving. Another trip I most likely will be going to is Chessington. I'm really excited as many of my friends are also going and I am looking forward to the rollercoasters. That trip will probably be the best one I'll go on this year if not ever!" Naeema Islam 7C

“This term, I have been lucky enough to go on a trip to the Town Hall and we did lots of activities such as playing football, making planters and playing games. Another trip I have been on this year was the Art trip, which was fun! Last term, I

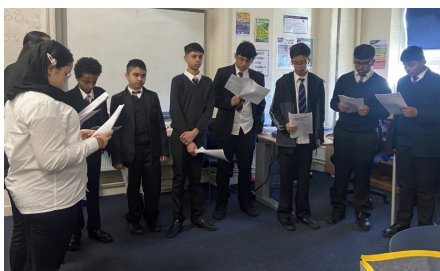
Debate Mate

This year's Debate Mate program at MAS has been a roaring success and a whole lot of fun for all involved!



As always, Debate Mate runs both a weekly after-school club, where students build skills to compete in debating across London with other schools, and an Accelerate club, in which students are selected and attend one-hour weekly sessions across the year.

Both the club and the Accelerate sessions have now ended but what a year it has been of presenting, debating, public-speaking and laughing with our friends!



The Debate Mate Cup 2025

Our final Debate Mate competition took place in May at the University of Greenwich and what an intense yet fun and fruitful day it was: the sun was shining; the birds were singing; the children were all beaming! It was great to meet a range of people from across London and from all over the world. Many of the Greenwich University students were ambassadors for the day, alongside Debate Mate mentors, and



students thoroughly enjoyed chatting and networking.

Well done to the MAS Debate Mate team for their wins in Greenwich: Maria Da Silva Tripode Y8, Zahid Shohid Ullah, Mehreen Maria Hasan Y8, Macsen Bryant Y8, Benjamin O'Berry Y8, Marwa Anwar Y8, Emma Charyyeva Y8, Maryam Kamaly Y8, Naadiyah Zahraa Y8, Rahema Hussain Y8 and Saad Mozamel Y8. Whilst several of these students are on their second year of debating, we had three total Debate Mate newcomers join in on MAS's glory. Well done to all!

Vis-à-vis the actual debating, the MAS DM team (which was split into two groups of five) soared through the day, which included three full and formal debates with three different teams, all of varying abilities and ages. For our second debate, we even competed against a team entirely made up of Y10 girls from South London; although

they were very friendly, we were initially daunted by the prospect of competing against students a lot older and more experienced than ourselves. Turns out, we needn't have worried as we won two of our debates that day!

Accelerate

This year, the Debate Mate Accelerate squad at MAS has made lots of progress with their body language, verbal communication and public-speaking skills. The extent of their progress was showcased in the Pitch Project; this is an annual project that always runs on the charity's program where students coordinate, plan and present their own amendment to the way the school is run. Our students this time round decided to prioritise explaining the proposed benefits of earlier lunches and refreshments and a vending machine for students' use at breaktimes.

The finale of the Accelerate students' efforts was exhibited in their presentation which they delivered to two visitors from Debate Mate including a Project Manager and also Mr Lynch, Assistant Head, with the aim of being able to have a representative of the Senior Leadership Team listen to their views and requests. All students spoke and contributed to this presentation, with the help and guidance from our Accelerate mentor, who the students have been getting to know for the whole year.

went swimming- it was very good. I hope to go on the House Rewards trip as well.' **Nasiyat Chowdhury Y7**

“A highlight for me of the 2024/2025 year has been when we went to do swimming lessons because I was with my friends and I learnt new tricks.' **Mahir Dahir Y7**

“This term, I have been chosen to go on a rock-climbing trip in Shadwell Basin and also I went to the Young Baftas trip. In English, we have been learning about Shakespeare and how culture was like back then. This year, I applied for STEM and, even though I didn't get it this year, I will perfect my application for next year as it is very competitive and I will apply earlier!' **Zayd Ali Y7**

“This term, I have been lucky enough to get into Debate Mate. We debated lots about topics such as the price of cars. I have enjoyed talking with my teachers and other staff and I have also really enjoyed PE.' **Muhammad Keeyan Hoque Y7**

“This year, I went on the trip to Hindleap. It was so much fun! We made marshmallows gooey on the campfire, did night walks and went on obstacles with harnesses and helmets as they were really high in the air! Also, this year, I got accepted into STEM Academy and it's so amazing! I was able to make my own game during lessons! Crazy, right? Also, in English, we've been learning about Shakespeare and his stories he wrote. He wrote three types of plays: tragedies, histories and comedies.' **Isabella Perchilla Y7**

“During this school year, I have been extremely lucky and I have been in the MAS Nobel



Awards, I have been rock-climbing, dry-skiing, paddle boarding and been on multiple residential and rewards trips. MAS is a great school and it has multiple clubs. I am part of the Debate Mate team, STEM Academy, School Council and I have been mentioned in a few rewards assemblies. This school does recognise those who do well but also helps those who need help. In Science, we have been learning about metals and acids and we did plenty of amazing practicals! A highlight of the school year has been the house rewards assembly where I got not one but TWO rewards. I find MAS great and for any Year 6s, I would recommend!' **Zahid Shohid Ullah Y7**

“This term, I've been paddle-boarding! For this, we spent lots of time learning how to use the paddle. I have also joined Student Council which allows me to join fun trips and teaches me ways to make the school better. One sport I have loved this year in PE has been Bench Ball!' **Muhammed Tawsif Ahmed Y7**

Leftovers by an anonymous Year 7

People go around laughing, maybe crying,

Everyone sees everyone in a different way.

They don't care that others are trying,

They just say what they want to say!

We don't get a say in what other people say to us,

They just throw us under the bus.

But now we are under and we can't rise again.

We can't be in the light of tomorrow as tomorrow is today.

So all we can always do is runaway,

But we are running through an endless corridor.

We just can't take it anymore,

We are just leftovers from before.'

Governors' Meeting

This term, MAS student leaders and ambassadors represented the whole Student Voice team in our latest Governors' meeting. This involved Melissa and Victoria, who are two Lead Prefects in Y10, and Aiden, from Y7, who is the Deputy Chair of the Council, introducing themselves to those in the meeting as well as speaking confidently and eloquently in the Q&A about their work this year. Amongst a variety of activities, the Student Leaders spoke to Governors about this year's Recycling Initiative, Rise & Read program and their mentorships of younger pupils in the younger year groups.

Time to Shine



Alongside 'Time to Shine,' Students are now well aware of the 'No Hands Up' policy which operates without all of their lessons here at MAS and they have been

learning about why this is helpful to them as students. 'No Hands Up' creates an inclusive environment, in which all students are able to showcase their learning and understanding as every student is questioned! This aspect of their lessons, which happens across departments and subjects, is a core part of how teachers assess learning of our students. Students are fast learning and understanding that we do not need to fear mistakes—if we are unsure of the answer, we still give it a go! EVERYONE can learn from EVERYONE'S mistakes.

Drop Day- another MAS success!

This Summer Term's Drop Day was a fantastic celebration of creativity, teamwork and personal growth as students stepped away from their usual timetables to immerse themselves in exciting, hands-on experiences. Year 7 launched into the day (literally) with an exhilarating rocket making and launching challenge that saw outstanding teamwork and problem-solving in action. Year 8 students honed their coordination and resilience during a vibrant Circus Skills workshop, followed by an informative and engaging session on oral hygiene. Meanwhile, Year 9 broadened their



horizons on inspirational visits to the University of Greenwich and King's College London, gaining valuable insight into higher education and future possibilities. The day was a brilliant showcase of our students' enthusiasm, dedication and curiosity, and we couldn't be prouder of how they embraced every challenge.

MAS students have been entering the final push for house points based on the characteristics of the MAS Student: respectful, reflective, curious, ambitious, communicative and resilient! Students have been continuing to keep track of their points as they are now able to see their own progress and achievement comments through EduLink as well as their parents and carers!



Resilient



Ambitious



Curious



Communicative



Respectful



Reflective

Enrichment clubs at MAS

A reminder of the clubs students are able to partake in here at MAS. These are subject to change next year and there are bound to also be additional clubs and opportunities for our lucky school community! Watch this space!

Name of Club	Day	Year Group/Key Stage
Curating artwork	Monday	Year 7-10
Studio Ghibli Film Club	Thursday	All welcome
D&T club	Tuesday Week A	Year 8
D&T club	Thursday	Year 7
Debate Mate	Monday	Up to Y10
Writer's Haven	Thursday	KS3 Y7-9
The Great Debate	Friday	Y10-12
History Club	Tuesday	KS3 Y7-9
KS3 Classics Club	Friday Week B	KS3 Y7-9
Ancient Greek Club	Monday	Year 8 and up
Singing Club	Wednesday	Year 7 -11
Music Club	Friday	Year 7 -11
Ensembles Club	Thursday	Year 7 -11
Basketball	Monday	Year 7 Boys
Gym Club	Monday	All welcome
Basketball	Friday	All welcome
Football	Friday	Y10/11 Boys
Gym Club	Friday	All welcome
Football	Monday	Year 9 Boys
Netball	Monday	All welcome
Trampoline	Thursday	All welcome
Basketball	Thursday	Year 7 Girls
Girls Football	Thursday	Year 9&10 girls
Basketball	Thursday	Year 8-10 Girls
Badminton	Tuesday	All welcome
Basketball	Tuesday	Year 8/9 Boys
Basketball	Wednesday	Year 8/9 Boys
Football	Wednesday	Year 7/8 Girls
Football	Wednesday	Year 8 Boys
Football	Wednesday	Year 7 Boys
Feast Wellbeing Group	Thursday	Year 7-8