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Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful summer break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been a real pleasure welcoming everyone back to the start of the new academic year.

This week we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. Year 7 students had an exciting opportunity to visit their House landmarks, which was a wonderful way to begin their MAS journey and build friendships across their new House groups. Our Year 12 students have also made an excellent start, settling into Sixth Form life with enthusiasm and maturity.

The year ahead promises to be filled with exciting opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. Together, we will continue to foster a culture of ambition, inclusion and community, ensuring that every student feels supported, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support as we work together to provide the very best experience for our young people.

Punctuality

As part of our renewed focus on punctuality, we are asking all students to be in school by 8:35am and in tutor time by 8:40am each morning. To support this, both the front and back gates will now close promptly at 8:35am.

Arriving on time is vital to ensure students make the very best start to their day and are fully prepared for learning. We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Flu Immunisation

The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect children from becoming seriously unwell this winter. Vaccination not only protects pupils themselves but also helps prevent the spread of flu in the wider school and community. Vaccinations will be offered in school. Both the nasal spray and a pork-free, gelatine-free injection are available. Consent must be completed for every child, even if the parent/carer chooses not to vaccinate.

Please click the link below to complete the consent form
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/towerhamlets>.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

THE
MAS
WAY

Welcome to the Autumn term. It has been a lovely first week getting to know our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, and great to see all our students back in school after the summer break.



Welcome to our new students

On Tuesday our new Year 7 students enjoyed their first day at MAS getting to know their teachers and the school. They looked really smart in their uniforms and made an excellent start to what promises to be a great year, packed with learning and lots of fun. During their



first week they got involved in a series of bonding and team building sessions such as Dragon's Den presentations, basketball and working in teams to build bridges. The week ended with Year 7 trips to their House landmarks around London (photos to come in the next issue)

We also welcomed a record number of Year 12 students, some familiar



faces and lots of students who are new to MAS. They began their week with an assembly to introduce them to their Sixth Form journey with us. We look forward to an exciting year ahead. You can keep up with news of some of the brilliant learning and enrichment activities in our weekly newsletter and also via our social media channels, Instagram and X.

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



Sixth Form News



A very warm welcome back to all our Year 13 students, and an especially big welcome to our new Year 12s who have joined us from over 40 different schools. It is fantastic to see you all and we are excited for the year ahead.

We've started the year with a really positive Transition Week, giving everyone the chance to settle in, meet new people, and begin to feel part of our sixth form community. Next week, normal lessons will begin, and you'll move onto your full timetable.

There is lots to get used to in these first few weeks — EduLink, emails,

and all the general admin that comes with sixth form life — so please make sure you are checking regularly and keeping on top of everything. If you're unsure about anything at all, don't hesitate to ask questions — staff and peers are here to support you.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of last year's Year 13 students. Their results were excellent and opened doors to a wide range of universities, apprenticeships, and career pathways. We are so proud of their hard work and determination,



and they've set a brilliant example for you to follow.

We look forward to working with you all this year — let's make it a great one!



Year 7 start their MAS journey

On Tuesday we welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students to the school. They had an assembly where they received their House ties and planners and, looking really smart, they had their school photos taken. At break time they had the chance to say hello to old friends and meet new ones.





On Wednesday Year 7 spent their morning getting creative in their team-building sessions. They used their problem-solving skills to build strong bridges using just paper and sticky tape.



**GREAT
WORK
YEAR 7**



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ALL WELCOME

COME ALONG

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

fortnightly meetings in the library Mondays Week 8

SPEAK TO Ms ROEBUCK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Empathy

Noun

DEFINITION

The ability to understand other people's feelings and problems.

EXAMPLE

The Year 10 student helped the Year 7 student look for his PE kit because he had empathy with him.

Ellis didn't like the book because he did not have empathy for the characters.

SYNONYMS

Compassion
Understanding

ANTONYMS

Apathy
(a lack of interest, concern or care.)

CHARACTERISTICS

From the Greek word 'empathela' meaning 'inside feeling'.
We have empathy with or empathy for someone.
Empathy is not the same as sympathy.

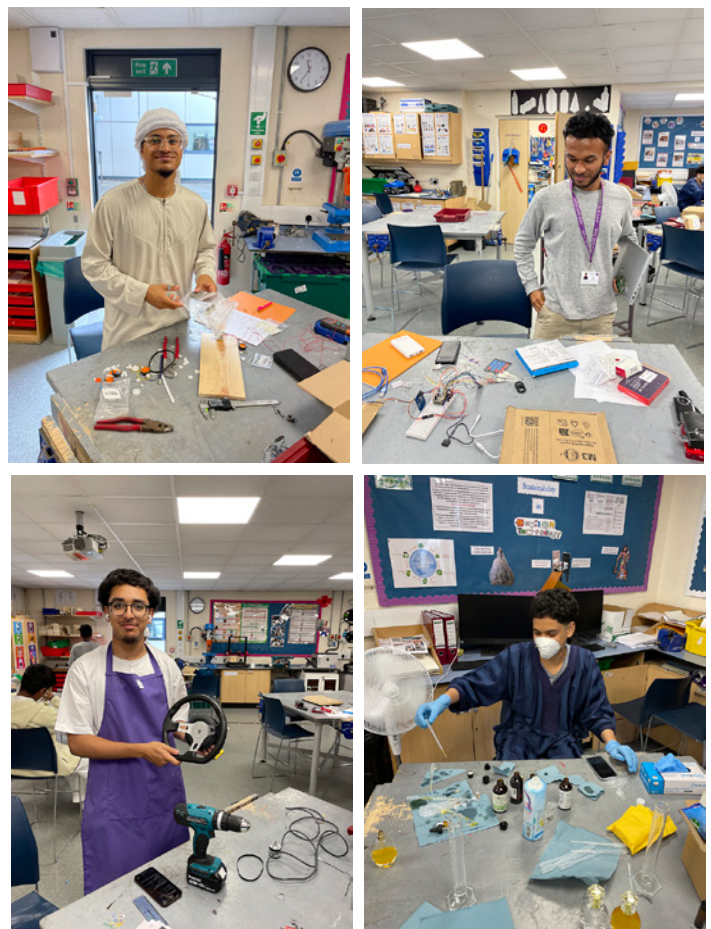
Culture Day '25

A few moments from our fantastic Culture Day and Summer Fayre on 21st July



Gold Crest Awards

In the last week of term, including on Culture Day, our Y12 Gold CREST students were hard at work on the experiment phase of their projects. Students working towards the Gold CREST Award carry out an extended, independent STEM project where they identify a real-world problem, plan and conduct independent research or experimentation, including a detailed risk assessment, and present their findings in a formal report. Our now Y13 students are doing a range of projects including building a life-like steering wheel for video games, determining the best gear ratios for cars, building windmills and making perfumes to sell as part of a new business.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE IN YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 4PM-6PM

COME AND VISIT US

+ FOUR WEEKS OF OPEN MORNINGS

Mon 15th to Wed 17th September
Mon 22nd to Wed 24th September
Mon 29th September to Wed 1st October
Mon 6th to Wed 8th October
Please arrive by 9.15am

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER
9.00.am-11.00am

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

5p, 2p and 1p coins (or a mixture of any or all of these) are used to make a total of 11p. In how many different ways can this be done?

ANSWER: 11

With no 5p coins, there could be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 2p coins, i.e. 6 possible ways.

With one 5p coin, there could be 0, 1, 2 or 3 2p coins, i.e. 4 possible ways.

With two 5p coins, there can be no 2p coins, i.e. 1 possible way.