

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. It has been a busy and enjoyable week for students. Great to see all students all back in lessons now and the term getting off to a great start.

On Monday, Year 7 students took part in an engaging road safety performance, helping them to think carefully about how to keep themselves safe as they travel to and from school. On Thursday evening, we were delighted to host our House Film Night, where students came together to enjoy a movie and spend time with friends across their House communities. We would also like to wish the very best of luck to our STEM Academy students who are representing MAS in the Dunsfold Park heat race this Saturday.

### **Year 6 Open Mornings**

If you have friends or family in Year 6, please do tell them about our Open Mornings which will take place every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The Open Mornings will take place from 9.15am to 10.30am and will include a talk with the Executive Principal / Head of School and a short tour of the school.

### **Year 11 Information Evening**

This will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm. Please ensure you attend as we will be sharing essential information to support your child through this important academic year. This session will cover key dates, exam preparation, support available, and how you can best assist your child as they work towards their final GCSE exams.

### **Year 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor Event**

This will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm.

### **Parking outside of the school**

We kindly remind parents and carers not to park on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school. These areas must be kept clear to ensure the safety of our students as they cross the road. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

### **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/carers 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

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A big thank you to the House team for making last Friday such a lovely day for our new Year 7 students. They really enjoyed their group trips to the landmarks their Houses are named after and their fashion show in the afternoon. They all had a brilliant Friday!

The second week of the term began with a road safety performance for Year 7, to give them a good



awareness of how to stay safe when they are navigating the streets of London.

Our Year 6 Open mornings start next week from Monday to Wednesday. We're looking forward to meeting

families and showing off our lovely school! If you're looking for a place in Year 7 for September 2026, do come along. The dates are:

### Open Mornings

Mon 15th to Wed 17th Sept

Mon 22nd to Wed 24th Sept

Mon 29th Sept to Wed 1st Oct

Mon 6th to Wed 8th Oct

at 9.15am

### Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 4-6pm

### Open Morning

Saturday 11th October 9-11am

Thank you,

**Mrs Ruth Holden**,  
Executive Principal

**Ms Melissa Gibson**,  
Principal

## Sixth Form News

What a start it has been - week 2 down already!

Year 12 have made a strong start to their journey, and there are a few important reminders to keep on top of. For those wishing to change or move subjects, please make sure the subject change request form is completed by Wednesday 17th at the latest. It is also essential that you download the EduLink app and reset your password, as this will act as your hub for information and provide access to your timetable at the gate. Enrichment activities will be starting soon, with more details to follow shortly. In addition, please take the time to familiarise yourself with the VESPA model and complete your coaching report - this will be a key focus as we move forward.

Year 13, this term is all about preparation for your next steps. UCAS applications will be kicking off soon, so please be ready for the upcoming PSHE and form-time workshops, where you will be guided step by step through writing your application. There will also be a big push on independent learning and making the best use of your time.

How are you revising? What methods are working for you? Reflect on the VESPA mindset and speak to Miss Marvin if you would like further support. If you are considering attending university open days, please come and see us to let us know so we can help you plan effectively.

Finally, a huge good luck to all those sitting LNAT and UCAT exams this term - we are rooting for you!



This week, Ms Ahmed and Mr Beckerton organised an A Level geography knowledge sharing activity for Year 12 and 13. Year 13 students came in to the lesson and gave some advice to our new Year 12s, and also did a Q&A session. The aim was to create familiarity between the two classes so that they can work together. It was a really nice environment and the Year 12s found it useful.

## Sixth Form Open Events

If you're in Year 11 and looking for a Sixth Form Place for September 2026, come and visit us at one of our open events...

### Open evening

**Tuesday 14th  
October 2025  
4pm-6pm**

### Open morning

**Saturday 15th  
November 2025  
9am-10am**



# Year 7 STEM Girls Visit Formula E with Jaguar TCS Racing

At the end of last term, a group of our Year 7 (now Year 8) STEM girls enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Formula E practice session at London's ExCeL Centre, hosted by Jaguar TCS Racing.

The day gave students the chance to step behind the scenes of a world-class motorsport team and see how science, technology, engineering and maths are used in real life. From exploring the Jaguar TCS Racing garage to learning how engineers and data scientists prepare the cars for the track, the girls were immersed in the excitement of Formula E.

One student said: "I never realised how much technology goes into an electric race car - it made me want to learn more about engineering."

The group also met female engineers and team members, who shared their career journeys and offered advice about pursuing STEM. This had a big



impact on the girls. "It was really inspiring to meet women who are working in jobs like engineering and technology. It made me feel like I could do it too," commented another Year 7 student.

The highlight of the visit was watching the cars on track during the live practice session. "The cars were so fast, and the atmosphere was amazing



- I'll never forget it," said one of the girls afterwards.

Our Year 7 STEM group returned full of excitement and motivation to explore the opportunities that STEM subjects can open up. A huge thank you to Jaguar TCS Racing and TCS for giving our students this incredible experience and for helping us inspire the next generation of young women in STEM.



## Year 7 Road Safety

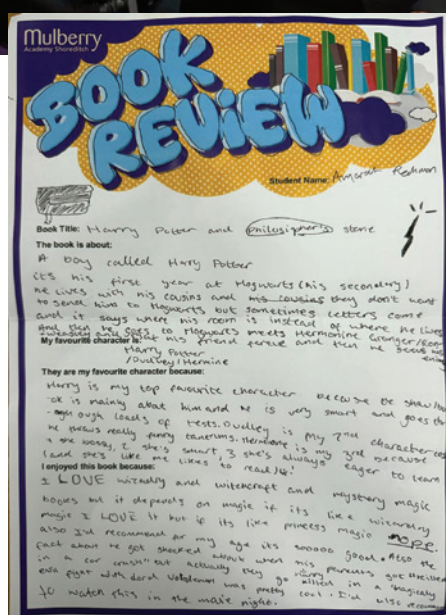
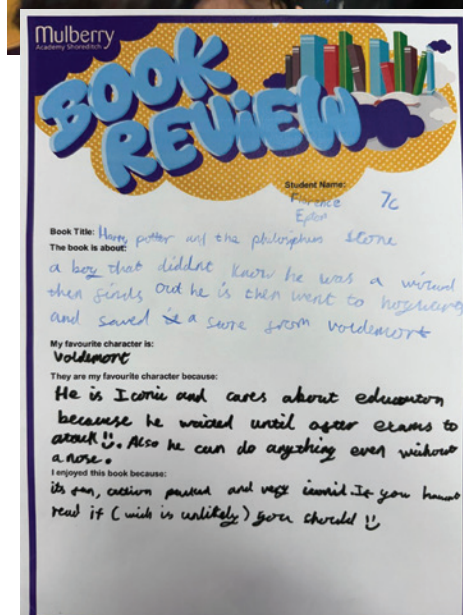
On Monday afternoon, Year 7 had a Road Safety session where they watched a performance by 'The Riot Act' about different scenarios to do with safety on the street. They then answered questions and discussed the performance, to make sure they gained a good understanding of the potential dangers that they could face when crossing London's busy roads.





# International Literacy Day

Year 7 celebrated International Literacy Day on Tuesday at a lunchtime event to give them a warm welcome to the library. Students wrote book reviews of the books they received at Transition Day, to read over the summer. They also talked about the languages spoken at home and their cultural foods.



## HOUSE NEWS

On the Friday of Year 7's first week at MAS, they all were taken to visit their House Landmark location, The Barbican Centre, River Thames, Tate Modern, Tower of London, Globe Theatre and Trafalgar Square. Once they returned from the trip, feeling far more connected to their Houses, each House competed in a fashion show where Globe House were victorious. Congratulations to the Year 7s in Globe!



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# WORD OF THE WEEK

## Ambitious

Adjective

**DEFINITION**  
Aiming high and being determined to achieve something remarkable, but difficult.

**EXAMPLE**  
Tonisha was an ambitious athlete. She'd set a goal to break the world record for running 200m before the ages of 25 yrs.  
If Isaac's ambitious plan worked, he would raise one million pounds by 2025.

**SYNONYMS**  
Motivated. Driven.

**ANTONYMS**  
Unenthusiastic. Not bothered.

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
From the old French 'ambitieux'.  
The noun is 'ambition'.

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# SPORTS

## Football Basketball Athletics Trampoline Volleyball Gym club

**September - October 2025**

|                     | Monday  | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                 |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------------|
| <b>Morning</b>      |   |   |   | 7:30 - 8:30<br>Boys Basketball<br>Year 8-9<br>Coach Nestor (Sports hall or Muga) |                        |
| <b>After school</b> | Netball club<br>Mugs - Mrs Mare                       | Year 10 Football<br>Sports Hall - Mr Donnelly | Year 8 & 9 Football<br>Sports Hall - Mr Campbell & Mr Vickers | Girls Football<br>Sports Hall - Miss Pitts & Miss Coulson - West                 | Gym Club<br>Mr Vickers |
|                     | Year 7 Football<br>Sports Hall - Mr Donnelly          |   | Year 7 Boys Basketball<br>Sports Hall - Coach Nestor          |  |                        |
|                     | Year 7 Girls Basketball<br>Sports Hall - Coach Nestor |   |   |  |                        |

## FILM NIGHT

To have some well-deserved, relaxing social time, the House Team put on a Film Night for over 50 Year 7s. They voted, and decided to watch KPop Demon Hunter, a film about a KPop band rising up the Billboard charts with a supernatural twist! With popcorn and juice, the Year 7's kicked back and thoroughly enjoyed the film of the summer.





# Every Day Counts – Don't Miss Out!

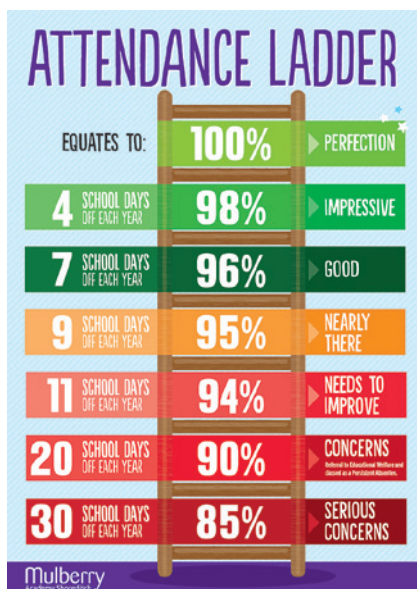
At Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, we know that excellent attendance is one of the key foundations for success. Every school day matters, and students who attend regularly not only achieve better academically but also build stronger friendships, develop good routines, and feel more confident in their learning.

## Consider the impact:

**At 95% attendance, a student misses 10 days across the year, equivalent to 2 weeks of learning.**

**At 90% attendance, a student misses 20 days, that is 4 weeks of learning lost!**

Even small dips in attendance have a significant effect on progress. We aim for all students to have 100% attendance and we are working closely with families to ensure every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed.



**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**



If your child has Asthma or allergies, it is a requirement that they have a care plan. A care plan will be sent home to parents to complete and return back to school with their medication.

**School must be informed if your child has any medical conditions and need to take medication.**

# TRAILFAM



During the summer holidays the TrailFam team joined the runners at the RAT Trail & Ultra Festival in Cornwall for a fantastic weekend of trail running!

## Meet the safeguarding team



**Mr Mickelburgh**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Ms Healy**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr Collis**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Ms Miller**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mr McCabe**  
Lead Safeguarding Teacher



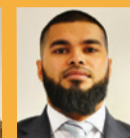
**Mrs Holden**  
Safeguarding Officer



**Ms Gibson**  
Safeguarding Officer



**Ms McRill**  
Safeguarding Officer



**Mr Rahman**  
Safeguarding Officer

**If you are concerned about a child please email**

**childprotection@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org**

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

You are told that 30 pupils have 25 different birthdays between them. What is the largest number of these pupils who could share the same birthday?

### ANSWER: 6

There must be 25 pupils who all have different birthdays. If the remaining 5 pupils all have the same birthday as one of these pupils, then 6 pupils will share the same birthday.