

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 19th September

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful week at MAS filled with events and a big well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers for attending the Year 11 Information Evening on Monday. It was a very useful session with lots of key information shared to help support your child through their final year before GCSEs. There will also be a follow up online version of this event that will be happening for those who were not able to attend in person. Details for this will go out shortly. It was also wonderful to see everyone at our Year 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor event on Tuesday, both year groups have made a fantastic start to the year.

On Wednesday, we were proud to host our annual Societies Programme launch with students from each secondary school in our Trust in attendance and on Thursday we hosted our annual Prize Giving Ceremony – a truly special evening celebrating the achievements of our students.

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 15th September to Wednesday 8th 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.

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/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

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It was great to see so many families at the Year 11 information event on Monday, and the Year 7 and Year 12 Meet the Tutor evenings on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other and talk about how our new students are settling into the new year at MAS.

On Wednesday morning, Year 9 students from across the Trust gathered for the annual launch of



our Societies programme. Working with top universities, our Year 9 Societies' students have the opportunity to go on trips and listen to visiting speakers in six different subject groups. It is designed to give them a chance to delve deeper into subjects they may want to study in the future.

Thursday's Prizegiving event was a big highlight of the week, with

students awarded and recognised for their effort and achievement in their subjects and as exemplary MAS Students. Well done to all of them and thank you to families who came along to celebrate.

Our Year 6 Open mornings got off to a great start this week and it was lovely to meet so many families.

Open mornings continue over the next three weeks, so if you're looking for a place in Year 7 for September 2026, do come along. The dates are:

Open Mornings (at 9.15am)

Mon 22nd to Wed 24th Sept

Mon 29th Sept to Wed 1st Oct

Mon 6th to Wed 8th Oct

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

A special shout-out to our Year 12 Economists who represented the school brilliantly at a Gresham College lecture this week. You turned up ahead of time, came prepared, and made the most of the opportunity - great job!

Well done also to all students who have downloaded EduLink, accessed their timetables, and are finding their way around the school. If you are unsure about anything, please do ask for help - we are here to support you.

A reminder that Year 12 Early Assessment Week takes place next week. Please make sure you are fully prepared. The timetable has been handed out and is also available on Teams.

Finally, a reminder that Enrichment choices, Bursary applications, and FSM forms are now due. Please ensure these are submitted promptly to the Sixth Form office. For further information, please see Ms Morgan-Black

Gresham College Lecture with Rob Topley

Seventeen of our Year 12 Economics students attended the first Gresham College lecture of the year on Wednesday with Rob Topley from Deloitte: *Breaking Into the Big Four: Careers in Audit, Finance and Consulting*. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, our students were described as 'absolutely fantastic' showing great engagement, curiosity, and confidence throughout. They asked the majority of questions during the session, brought real energy to the discussion, and even queued at the end to continue asking more.



Sixth Form Open Events

Open evening Tuesday 14th October 2025 4pm-6pm

Open morning Saturday 15th November 2025 9am-10am

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...

Prize Giving Awards Evening

On Thursday evening students and their families were invited to a prize giving evening to recognise their fantastic work and achievement in their subjects. It was a lovely evening, hosted by Ben and Melissa, with poetry, music and delicious food. Thank you to all the staff and especially the students who made it such a great event



You asked and we listened!

Last year we sent out a survey and we truly value the feedback we've received from our parent community. We want to reassure you that we are committed to making every visit to our school a positive experience. Whether you're attending events, meetings, or just stopping by - we've made improvements based on your response to ensure you feel welcomed and informed. We're excited to continue building strong connections with our families and we're here to support you every step of the way!

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

Compassion

Noun

DEFINITION
A strong feeling of sympathy for someone who is suffering, and a desire to help them.

EXAMPLE
1. The boy showed compassion for the bird with the damaged wing.
2. Children who learn to feel compassion for others, won't tease, bully or be unkind to other children.

SYNONYMS
Kindness
Sympathy

ANTONYMS
Cold-heartedness
Heartlessness

CHARACTERISTICS
From the Latin 'com' = with + 'pati' = to suffer.

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HOUSE EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM

Help your House get the most points to win the coveted House Cup!

September

Thursday 11th House Film Night ★★

Thursday 25th House Quiz Night

October ★★

Friday 3rd Sixth Form Movie Night

Thursday 9th House Dodgeball

Thursday 23rd House Rewards Experience ★★

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

COME AND JOIN IN... TIME TO HAVE FUN!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for Parents and Carers to help students with their reading

from 8.30am-9.00am
(other at times available)

If you are interested in volunteering, please email:

info@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org

Societies Launch



Year 9 students from four schools across the Trust attended the launch of this year's Societies programme. Throughout the year they will go on trips, listen to visiting speakers and go to universities all related to one of six subjects. There is also the opportunity to go on an international trip. The aim is to allow students to deepen knowledge and get some real experience in their subject to help them in their future study/career choices.



GREENPOWER Dunsfold Park Race

On Saturday 13th September, Year 11 and Year 13 students took part in their final race of the year at Dunsfold Park. The incessant rain meant that both teams had to change tyres several times. Year 11 finished 9th in their class and 14th overall out of 44 cars (fastest lap 1 minute 49 seconds). Year 12 overcame technical issues with their drive gear and were 12th place at the start, quickly gaining 3 places which they kept until their chain snapped in lap 23. Well done to both teams!



Graphic Novel Challenge

The Graphic Novels Reading Challenge has been launched and will run until December as part of the MAS Reading Challenge. On Wednesday lunchtime, students spent time drawing their favourite graphic novel characters.



BOARD GAMES LUNCH CLUB

Every Monday Lunchtime
1pm - 1.30pm
in The Hub

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

Weekly info

Once it's sent, it's permanent

Messages, images, or videos can be screenshotted and shared beyond the group; sending explicit content can even be illegal. Students often create big group chats — drama, fallouts, or arguments in these can quickly spiral.

Parent Strategy: Remind your child to pause before posting/sending anything. Encourage them to ask, "Would I be okay if a teacher/grandparent saw this?"

If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's head of year or contact Lauren Gillott, E-Safety Lead (lgillott@mulberryschoolstrust.org)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A THRIVING TEAM OF MAS STUDENT LEADERS?

APPLY NOW TO BE A YEAR 10 PREFECT

You'll receive a weekly early lunch pass as a reward for weekly duties

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR WRITTEN APPLICATION IS 16TH OCTOBER WITH A TRAINING DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH

Speak to Ms Roebuck for further information and to register your interest)

i If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination or nasal spray this will take place in school on the following dates:

22nd September
20th October
24th November

Please follow the link and consent for this to be given. If you do not consent can you still complete the consent form

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/towerhamlets>

i 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.

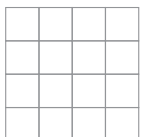
School must be informed if your child has any medical conditions and need to take medication.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Sixteen unit squares are arranged to form a square array as shown in the diagram.

What is the maximum number of diagonals that can be drawn in these unit squares so that no two diagonals share a common point (including endpoints)?



ANSWER: 10

The most you can get is 10, eg:

