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Friday 10th October

Dear Families,

We've had another exciting and memorable week here at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch.

On Tuesday, we were honoured to welcome students and teachers from schools in Kenya, Italy, Australia and Mexico. Their visit was part of the MST Global Girl Leading programme, and they came to MAS for the Shoreditch experience. Our guests enjoyed meeting with staff, students and taking part in a special treasure hunt joining in on our Black History Month celebrations. The buzz around the school was incredible!

Thank you to everyone who attend the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. We really appreciate your continued support as students prepare for their GCSEs. We would like to encourage all Year 11 parents to come with their child to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday – there will be a short presentation to all Year 11 students at the end of the day that day before they get a chance to speak to teachers and find out about all the brilliant things the Sixth Form has to offer.

Today we're welcoming back students from their action-packed week in Wales and can't wait to hear all about their trip. Finally, good luck to our STEM Academy students who are off to race in the Goodwood International Finals this weekend!

Year 6 Saturday Open Morning

We look forward to welcoming more families to our Year 6 Open Event on Saturday 11th October from 9am to 11am.

Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th October from 4pm to 6pm.

Early School Closure – Wednesday 22nd October 2025

The annual MST Staff Celebration takes place on Wednesday 22nd October. In order to allow staff time to attend this event, will be dismissed from school at 2pm.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

THE
MAS
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Orchestra rehearsals

On Monday it was really fabulous to host The Mulberry Schools Trust orchestra and singing rehearsals.

Students from across 4 schools came together to rehearse in our Hall and it was fabulous to watch - well done all.

International visitors

On Tuesday it was a real pleasure to welcome girls (and teachers) from around the world to our school.

Here in London to celebrate



International Day of the Girl, they experienced a taste of daily life at MAS with presentations, lunch and a tour of the school.

Year 11 Parents Evening

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Year 11 Parents Evening this week. It was a great opportunity to have positive conversations about students in this important exam year.

Open Events

The Open mornings have been fantastic and it's been great to meet



so many families. There's one more date for your diary - if you're looking for a place in Year 7 for next September, do come along and see us tomorrow, **Saturday 11th October, 9-11am.**

If you're looking for a place in our Sixth Form next September there are Open mornings and evenings coming up (dates below).

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

Sixth Form News

It has been another busy and exciting week in Sixth Form!

The Sixth Form Student Leadership applications are now open. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, represent their peers, and make a lasting contribution to the Sixth Form community. Those interested should check Ms Taylor's post on Teams for full details on how to apply.

As always, we'd like to remind students that lanyards, punctuality, and high expectations remain key ingredients for success. Wearing your lanyard at all times ensures our community stays safe and professional, while arriving punctually and meeting expectations helps build strong habits that will benefit you long beyond Sixth Form.

A huge well done to our Year 13 students who took part in the GGL event at MAS and across the Trust. You have represented our school with pride and professionalism, proving yourselves to be outstanding ambassadors.

We also hope our Year 13 Health and Social Care students are enjoying their work experience placements as part of their qualification. The feedback so far has been wonderful, with employers across a range of industries praising your commitment, maturity, and enthusiasm.



Enrichment Wednesday got off to a great start this week. The London Foodie club enjoyed a delicious Somali meal at Damal restaurant in Mile End.

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 evenings
4:00-6:00pm

Tues 14th Oct 2025
Tues 27th Jan 2026

Open Mornings
9:00-10:00am

Sat 15th Nov 2025,
Sat 7th March 2026
Sat 20th June 2026

AN ADVENTURE IN ATHENS

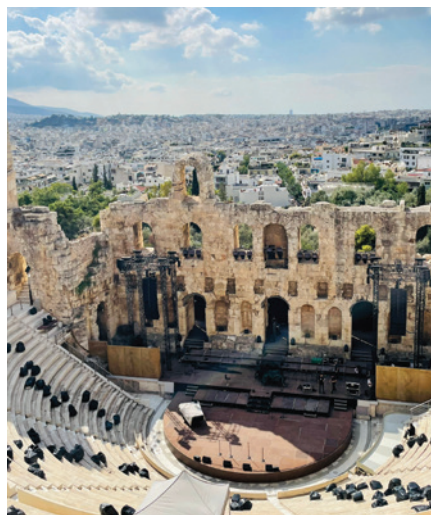


Recently, a group of students from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, Mulberry Woodside, and Mulberry School for Girls set off on an amazing trip to Athens, Greece — and what a few days it was!

The adventure started bright and early with a smooth flight that had everyone excited for what was ahead. Our first day in Athens included exploring the National Botanical Gardens and even spotting the Greek Parliament.

The next day was full of history and incredible views. We had a guided tour of the Parthenon, climbed to the top of the Acropolis, and saw the city from its highest point — a view you could see from everywhere in Athens! Afterwards, we wandered through Plaka, a charming area full of narrow streets, shops, and local food. Students loved trying new snacks and exploring the souvenir shops.

We didn't stop there! Our historical walk continued through Monastiraki, the heart of old Athens, before the next day's highlight: an excursion to Delphi. Here, students learned about the Temple of Apollo and the famous Oracle — some even got to ask their own questions!



International visitors

On Tuesday we were excited to host a lunch and to showcase the school for a group of visitors who came all the way from Penola Catholic College in Australia, Colegio Carol Baur in Mexico, Foscarini High School in Italy and Lenana Girls High School in Kenya. All the girls and their teachers were in London to celebrate the International Day of the Girl at the Global Girl Leading Summit at Mulberry School for

Girls, on Friday 10th October.

Following lunch and presentations about life at MAS, the girls talked proudly about their own schools and it was really interesting to listen to their impromptu presentations. Our students made everyone feel welcome - they were great ambassadors for MAS and we enjoyed meeting so many lovely girls from around the world.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH '25 Year 8 Poetry slam

On Wednesday, as part of our celebrations of Black History Month, a group of Year 8 students had a poetry session led by two Year 10 students, Fatou and Ella along with with Ms James. They listened to poems by Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou to give them inspiration to write and perform poems about identity and empowerment.



A trip to the Guardian

English Literature and the Arts Society with UCL



On Monday as part of the English and Arts Society Mr Kobler took a group of nine year 9s on a trip to The Guardian offices in King's Cross for a News Editing workshop. Alongside students from other Mulberry schools, they learned about the process of editing a newspaper and had a go at editing their own front page of a newspaper, using real life stories from

that day! They had to select and edit the articles to fit the space available, come up with their own headlines and subheadings, and even choose the best photos for their articles. The students produced impressive and very professional looking work and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Ms Fletcher for organising this trip.



Enrichment Clubs List:

<https://www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org/enrichment-clubs/>

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH '25

B.M 2025

STANDING FIRM IN PRIDE AND POWER

WHAT'S ON:

- POWER AND PRIDE POSTER COMPETITION
- REGGAE MUSICAL REWARDS TRIP
- STUDENT LED ASSEMBLIES
- MY ROOTS AND HERITAGE (YEAR 7)
- POETRY SLAM (YEAR 8)
- BLACK BRITISH CHANGEMAKERS (YEAR 9)
- MASTER CHEF (YEAR 10)
- JOLLOF WARS (YEAR 12)
- VIP CELEBRITY GUEST SPEAKER

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Art and Animation club

KS3 BUT ALL WELCOME

Tuesdays after school 15.35-16.30 Room 402 with Ms Kilmanaitte

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Tenacious *adjective*

DEFINITION

Holds tightly onto something.
Is determined to do something even when it becomes difficult.

EXAMPLE

- The baby took my finger in its tenacious little fist.
- Peter was a tenacious interviewer; he insisted that the politician answered the question.

SYNONYMS

Persistent.
Strong-willed.
Relentless.

ANTONYMS

Half-hearted.
Uncommitted.
Hesitant.

CHARACTERISTICS

Pronounced like this 'tu-h-NAY-shus.'
Originates from the Latin word 'tenere' = to hold.

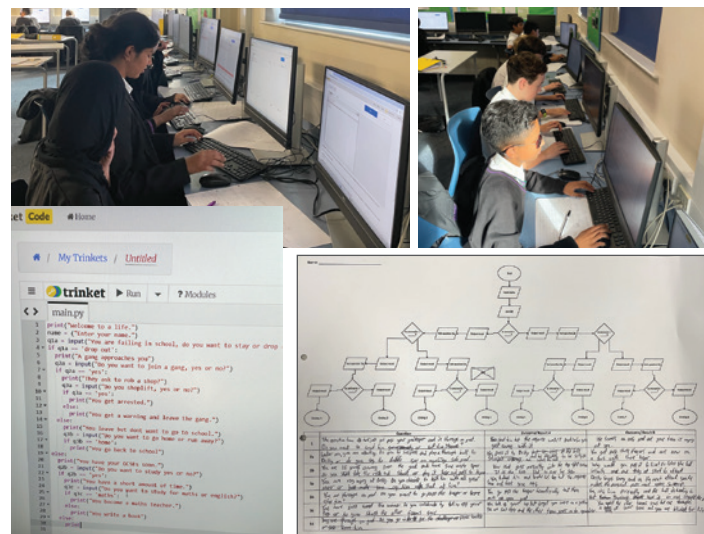
Year 8 and 9 in Wales

A group of Year 8 and 9 students are enjoying an adventurous week at Plas Y Brenin in Snowdonia National Park in Wales. They are doing lots of different activities which will build their team building skills and confidence such as climbing, abseiling, canoeing, hiking in the mountains, on the lake and on the coast. Thank you to Ms Pitts, Ms Armstrong and Mr Chowdhury for taking them on the trip.



Year 9 Python coding

Y9 GCSE Computer Science has made fast progress learning to code in Python. They have just started their first long project - designing and developing an adventure game!



TRAILFAM NEWS



Last weekend the TrailFam team from MAS were running in the Yorkshire Dales at the Englands Schools Fell Running Championships, which was held at Sedbergh School on 5th October. Running with TrailFam, they really do get to experience being outdoors in the beautiful countryside all around the UK!

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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:
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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO Stay safe online

Weekly info

Why Your Child Sees What They See

Platforms like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram don't just show what you search for — they push content that keeps you hooked, which may include harmful or extreme material.

Year 7s can accidentally get drawn into "rabbit holes" of videos — from diet content to conspiracy theories — without realising how it shapes their thinking.

Parent Strategy: Watch content together. Ask what they're seeing and how it makes them feel. Teach them to reset or manage recommendations (e.g. clearing watch history).

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

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Edith had nine children at regular intervals of 15 months. If the oldest is now six times as old as the youngest, how old is the youngest child?

ANSWER: 24 months, or 2 years