



## Executive Principal's and Principal's News

### The Kings Trust Challenge

On Tuesday 18th November, a group of our Year 7 students took part in The King's Trust Enterprise Challenge here at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. They spent the day working with King's Trust mentors, building their teamwork and business skills through a fast-paced enterprise simulation. The students showed fantastic creativity, leadership and resilience throughout the challenge, and represented our school brilliantly. Fingers crossed one of our teams will make it to the regional finals!



### Drop Down morning

Thank you to Ms James for organising Thursday's Drop Down morning when all students participated in a range of PSHE sessions.



### Primary School workshops

A lovely group of pupils from St John's Primary School had a brilliant time making keyrings in a workshop with Mr De Souza on Thursday. It was a pleasure to welcome them to our school.

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

## Sixth Form News

A group of Year 13 students took part in a two-day residential visit to Newcastle University, designed to broaden their understanding of university life and widen their sense of post-18 possibilities. Over the course of the trip, students explored a wide range of activities including:

- A full campus tour
- Student accommodation visits
- Course talks and taster sessions
- A guided walk around Newcastle city centre
- Opportunities to speak with current students about university life
- Independent time to experience the social and cultural environment

The aim of the residential was to give students a realistic sense of what studying away from home could offer, especially for those who may not have previously considered universities outside of London. Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many describing the trip as eye-opening, enjoyable, and confidence-building. Several students shared that the experience has now encouraged them to seriously consider applying to universities beyond the capital.

Here are reflections written by three participating students.



### Kashauri Monet Ovani Semper Knight

The trip was fun, informative, and gave me a clearer picture of university life. It also made me reconsider choices outside London. The teachers were amazing and supportive throughout.

### Syed Iqbal

The visit gave me a strong insight into life at university and the group made the trip enjoyable. The teachers kept us safe while still giving us independence.



**Sixth Form fun at Columbia Youth Centre and Ice Skating this week!**



### Syeda Begum

The experience was brilliant from start to finish and helped me understand what a university environment feels like. I left with a very positive impression of Newcastle and would rate the trip ★★★★★



## MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  **MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX**

On Thursday evening, we hosted our STEM students' parents and carers to showcase all the amazing work they did as part of their Stage 2 applications. Students showed off their windmills, websites, robots, movies and more that they built this half term. We are very proud of our STEM students!



## STEM Showcase



## Hospitality treats

The Year 9 Hospitality students made New York cheesecake this week. Well done to Harry who was super proud to take this picture.



Year 10s made Chicken Kiev and showed off their presentation skills. We continue to develop their cooking skills.



## JP Morgan Chase Challenge

The Year 9 STEM students continued with the JP Morgan Chase School Challenge this week, with a meet the mentor session. The students and mentors enjoyed getting to know their teams and working on a stem team work challenge together. Well done STEM students for been so engaged and enthusiastic.



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**SKI TRIP 2026**  
**11TH-17TH JANUARY 2026**



**A FEW PLACES REMAINING**  
Payment plans available

OPEN TO STUDENTS  
IN YEARS 7-10  
AND YEAR 12  
**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**  
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**THE COST INCLUDES**

- Return ferry crossing
- Return executive coach travel
- 5 nights full board accommodation
- 4 days ski pass
- 4 days ski lessons (5 hours per day)
- Equipment hire including skis, ski boots and a helmet
- Activ4 representative
- Full evening activities including quiz, games and pizza night
- Full comprehensive insurance

**COST £850**  
Pay in installments

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

The trip is organised by  
**activ4**  
school tours

# MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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## Mulberry STEM Academy Launch Cohort 6

This Saturday, we launched the Mulberry STEM Academy at MAS. We hosted 93 Y10s and 64 Y12s from all 5 secondaries across the trust.

After a 3 stage application process, students were accepted onto the program where they will learn key skills to support them into a career in engineering. On Saturday, students worked with students from other schools to complete the Gravity Challenge. They were tasked with building a ramp to make a ping pong ball take as long as possible to reach the ground, using just cardboard, straws, plastic cups and tape!

We are excited for the rest of the year with Cohort 6 - our biggest yet!



## Year 7 Festive Winter Project

In their workshops with Miss Kilmanaite, Year 7 students were looking at Scandinavian Folk art. Using inspiration from nature and winter they produced beautiful miniature paintings using a limited palette.

**GREAT WORK!**



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# WORD OF THE WEEK

**Wow!**

## Altruistic

adjective

**DEFINITION**  
Showing concern for others by caring and helping them even though it may bring no advantage to you.

**EXAMPLE**  
His altruistic nature made him the perfect nurse.  
Jenny made an altruistic decision to give her birthday money to charity.

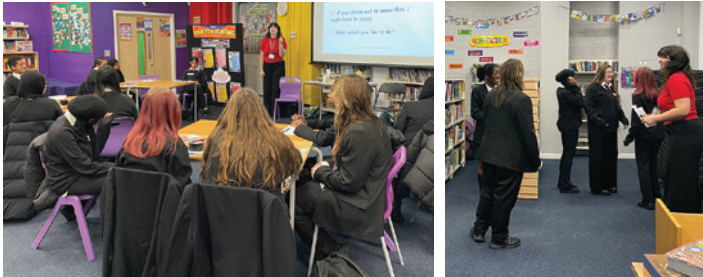
**SYNONYMS**  
Selfless.  
Considerate.  
Humanitarian.  
Generous.

**ANTONYMS**  
Selfish.  
Egotistic.

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
Originates from the French word *autrui*, meaning "other people." Which in turn came from the Old French word *autre*, which means "other" which comes from the Latin word *alter*, meaning "other."

# Year 10 Prefects

This year's Y10 Prefects have been selected! On Monday, they took part in training with the Life Skills Co. Our Prefects are: Hamisha Akthar, Aadam Ali, Aishah Ali, Iqra Ali, Zakifa Ali, Maisha Begum, Tamara Howlader, Mahdiya Yasmin, Iba Islam, Leanna Joseph, Ella Moye, Fatou Niane, Ahmed Omar, Nasra Salah, Cailey Sicberras, Sara Adnan, Maya Rahman, Saira Rahman and Rochelle Wallace.



## Year 12 Drama trip



The year 12 and 13 drama students went on a fantastic trip on Wednesday to watch "After Sunday" by Sophia Griffin at the "Bush Theatre". The play featured live cooking on stage and was a searing homage to the power of food in building community.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE



Weekly info

What your child sees online isn't random

**Fact:** Social media algorithms track every like, comment, and view, then use that data to decide what to show next. For example, if a student watches a few fitness or diet videos, their feed might quickly fill with extreme diet trends or unrealistic body-image content.

**What parents can do:** Encourage conversations about how algorithms work - that what appears online is tailored, not neutral. Suggest following a variety of interests (e.g. science, art, news, comedy) and occasionally clearing watch or search histories to help reset the content they see. Go through your child's social media with them to check on what they are seeing. Ask them why they think they are seeing different posts.

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



If your child has Asthma please can you make sure that they have their asthma pumps with them in school at all times.

## A Christmas Carol



All of Year 11 watched a wonderful performance of A Christmas Carol in the hall on Thursday afternoon, in preparation for their English Literature Paper 1 mock exam next week. Students also had a Q+A afterwards during which they asked the cast many questions about the novel and about acting as a career.



**The final Flu vaccine will be offered at school on the following date, 24th November 2025**

**If you would like your child to receive this please click on the link and complete the consent form.**

**If you decline can you still complete the form.**

**Please do not complete if you have already consented.**  
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/towerhamlets>.

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

**Some fish, some dogs and some children are swimming in a bay. There are 40 legs in total, twice as many heads as tails and more dogs than fish. How many fish are in the bay?**

**ANSWER: 2**

Let the numbers of dogs, fish and children in the bay be  $d, f, c$  respectively. Then the total number of legs is  $4d + 2c$ , the number of heads is  $d + f + c$  and the number of tails is  $d + f$ . Therefore,  $4d + 2c = 40 \dots [1]$  and  $d + f + c = 2(d + f) \dots [2]$ . From [1]:  $c = 20 - 2d$ . Substituting for  $c$  in [2] now gives  $d + f + 20 - 2d = 2d + 2f$ . So  $3d + f = 20$  and we know  $d > f$ . Therefore  $4d > 20$  (so  $d > 5$ ) and  $3d \leq 20$  (so  $d \leq 6$ ). Therefore  $d = 6$  and  $f = 20 - 18 = 2$ . So there are two fish in the bay.