

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

info@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org
www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas and I wish you a very happy new year ahead.

The first week of the new term has been a busy and celebratory one at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. On Tuesday it was the Mulberry Arts Academy Graduation at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. It was a wonderful occasion showcasing the students' lovely work. I would like to congratulate all who graduated.

On Thursday we welcomed visitors as part of *Growing the Top*, a programme delivered by Challenge Partners. Our reviewers were full of praise of everything they saw. Sixth form students also received their results for the level 2 resit exams. There were lots of happy faces with students celebrating excellent outcomes that reflect their commitment, resilience, and hard work.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We look forward to meeting Year 11 parents/carers at 3.45pm on Tuesday 13th January 2026

Year 13 Exams

Good luck to those year 13 students who are sitting public examinations over the next few weeks and to those who will be sitting their mock exams.

Year 7 Dismissal this term

Year 7 will be dismissed from school at 3.30pm from the start of this term.

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. Please turn your car engines off during pick up and drop off to consider our neighbours and air quality of the school.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

Part of the

Mulberry
Schools Trust



Executive Principal's and Principal's News

THE
MAS
WAY



Welcome back

We hope you all had a peaceful and happy holiday and, as we begin the new year, we're looking forward to all the learning, development, and successes for MAS students and staff in 2026. There are so many opportunities for personal development and enrichment on offer for our students, so we encourage them to join a club, learn a new skill or develop an existing talent. The House team have some exciting events planned for this half term including a Benchball competition and a quiz, and it was lovely to listen to the choir who were back to their Wednesdays singing in the Street this week.



Challenge Partners visit

On Thursday our visitors from Challenge Partners were impressed with all the learning and enrichment they saw across the school.

Ski trip

Next week, a group of students are heading to the Italian ski resort, Sestriere for an exciting week of skiing and activities. We look forward to hearing all about their trip on their return.

Reading Challenge

The new year brings a new Reading Challenge to encourage our school community to read and enjoy books as often as possible. When students have finished a book, they should record the details with our librarian

to win House points.

Reading is crucial for academic success, building vocabulary, improving focus, and boosting knowledge, while also fostering empathy, creativity, and essential life skills like stress reduction and mental well-being.

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



UCAS UPDATE

We have received offers for:

A Level students

- Birkbeck, University of London - Psychology
- Queen Mary University of London - Business with Law
- Brunel University of London - Economics and Mathematics
- City St George's, University of London - Introduction to Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiography
- University of East London - Pharmacology

Y13 Vocational UCAS Offers

- Business, Management, Economics & Law with Foundation Year - SOAS University of London
- Diagnostic Radiography with Foundation Year - Canterbury Christ Church University
- Psychology - City St George's, University of London
- Business Management (with Foundation Year) - University of Northampton
- Operating Department Practice - London South Bank University
- Introduction to Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiography - City St George's, University of London
- Business Analytics - University of Bristol

Sixth Form News

Welcome back to all Sixth Form students. We hope you had a restful yet productive winter break.

Good luck to all students studying vocational qualifications who are sitting exams, particularly those with assessments taking place in the first week back. We wish you every success and recognise the hard work you have put in. It has been full steam ahead with exams, and Year 13 mock examinations will be starting shortly for a two-week period. Please ensure you are prioritising your wellbeing during this time by getting enough sleep, eating well, and managing your workload effectively.

This year's Sheriff's Challenge team began their programme on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mr Gracie for giving up his time to support students with their preparation. We wish the team the very best of luck in the heats in February.

On Thursday, we welcomed IPSOS into Sixth Form to speak to students



about their apprenticeship routes, employment opportunities, and progression pathways. IPSOS is a leading market research and data analytics organisation, and students gained valuable insight into careers within research, public policy, and data-driven industries.

Finally, well done to all students who received their GCSE English and Maths results this week. For those who narrowly missed their required grades, Mr Webb will be in touch shortly with next steps and details of your upcoming exam opportunities.

Cooking with Year 7

Year 7 made delicious cheese and onion pinwheels with Ms Howe this week, learning how to chop vegetables safely and follow the recipe. Well done to the class!



Ulysses (Year 8) made a tasty vegetable cous cous in his lesson.



SIXTH FORM GIRLS GYM CLUB

Thursdays

FROM 22ND JANUARY

3.45-4.30pm

10

5

in the gym

MORE INFO

Speak to: Zofia O'Dowd, Sports Lead, School Leadership Team

WHERE ON EARTH?

YEARS 7-9

GEOGRAPHY CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

1:05-1:30 IN ROOM 312

SEE MR BOCKETT FOR MORE INFORMATION

HOUSE EVENTS

SPRING TERM

HOUSE CUP

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

January

Thursday 15th January

University Challenge

3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 29th January

Bench Ball

3:30 - 4:30pm

February

Tuesday 10th February

HOUSE REWARDS TRIP

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

COME and join in... TIME to have fun!

MPAA Graduation ceremony

Congratulations to Ashley Adal, Crystal Atiogbe, Amelia Ali, Zahraa Rahman, Cailey Sicberras and Jaya Green who have graduated from the Mulberry Production Arts Academy. The graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

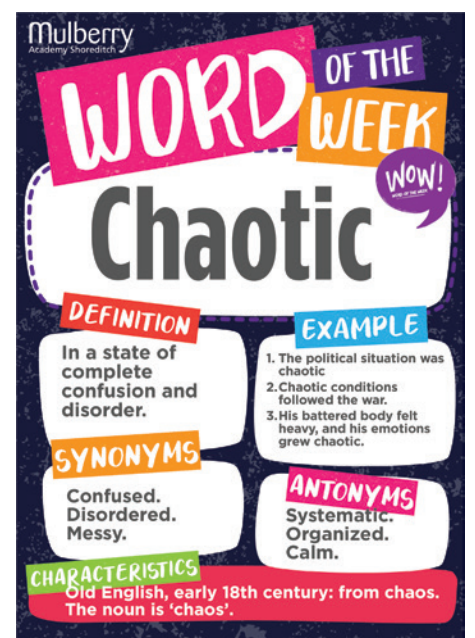


Year 12 careers talk with Ipsos

On Thursday, we were really pleased to welcome Alice and Aaliyah from Ipsos, the global leaders in market research. They came in to talk to Year 12 students about Ipsos, a company which collects and analyses data on society, markets, and people to help organisations and government departments make informed decisions. Alice talked about the values of the organisation and the many opportunities available for employees to join clubs and sports teams, and volunteering in the community. She also explained the entry points into a career at Ipsos such as apprenticeship schemes, internships, placements and graduate programme.

Aaliyah gave valuable insight into her own experience of her first year at Ipsos on the degree apprenticeship programme, after leaving Sixth Form in 2025. She encouraged students by talking about having had rejections before being offered a fantastic opportunity at Ipsos and to never give up trying.

Year 12 students were then given the chance to ask questions about careers at Ipsos and they learned a lot about careers in the market research field.



TRAILFAM London to Gran Canaria

Over the last few weeks, the TrailFam race team has been running the full distance from London to Gran Canaria (3000km from London to Gran Canaria as a team). Every day, these young athletes put in the miles – through dark mornings, wind, rain, sleet – they haven't given up. They've shown determination and courage to earn a place on the start line at Transgrancanaria which will take place in March and they've raised a fantastic £7000!.



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

I choose three numbers from this number square, including one number from each row and one number from each column. I then multiply the three numbers together. What is the largest possible product?

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

ANSWER: 105

We consider the different possible choices from the top row. If 1 is chosen, then the options are 1, 5, 9 and 1, 6, 8 giving products 45 and 48 respectively. If 2 is chosen, the options are 2, 4, 9 and 2, 6, 7 giving products 72 and 84 respectively. Finally, if 3 is chosen, the options are 3, 4, 8 and 3, 5, 7 giving products 96 and 105. So 105 is the maximum.

Mulberry
Academy Shoreditch

VEN CON NOSOTROS!
ISERA DIVERTIDO!

SPANISH TRIP TO BARCELONA

SPAIN 9TH - 12TH
£350 JUNE 2026
(£150 deposit) asap

25 SPACES AVAILABLE
ASK MR ROBERTSHAW FOR A LETTER
YEAR 10
AND YEAR 9 ONLY

SIGHTS INCLUDE: CAMP NOU,
PARK GUÉLL, LAS RAMBLAS,
PICASSO MUSEUM AND MANY MORE.

Price includes all transport and
accommodation (half board)
Please pay on ParentPay

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

Understanding group chats

Many secondary-age students communicate mainly through group chats on apps such as Snapchat, Discord and Instagram, where large numbers of messages can be sent very quickly with little adult oversight.

- Ask your child which group chats they are part of and what they are used for (friends, gaming, schoolwork, social plans).
- Remind them that large group chats can change quickly and jokes can easily turn into unkind or harmful messages.
- Let your child know they can talk to you if a group chat starts to feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

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

Asthma Pumps

If your child has asthma, please make sure they bring their Asthma pumps to school daily. School also need a spare Asthma pump as well.

Medication for Care Plans

Please can you make sure that your child's medication is brought into school if you have received a text requiring this.

Year 9 DTP & MenACWY Vaccine

The DTP & MenACWY vaccine is offered to all Year 9 students, our scheduled dates for the vaccination in school are as follows:

1st Date: Monday 19th January 2026

2nd Date: Monday 26th January 2026

Please can you complete the consent form below. Please can you also complete the form even if you do not consent for the vaccination.

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