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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week here at MAS. We look forward to the return of our students from the annual ski trip. They have spent the week at the Sestriere Resort in the Italian Alps engaging in a range of exciting activities.

Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers for attending the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was a very successful turnout with lots of positive feedback and key information shared to help support the students through their final few months before GCSEs.

It was great to have so many parents/carers at the coffee morning on Wednesday and to share open conversations around wellbeing and how we can continue to support our children and families.

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

We look forward to meeting Year 7 parents/carers at 3.45pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Year 9 DTP & MenACWY Vaccine 2025-2026**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Date: **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9am**

2<sup>nd</sup> Date: **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9am**

### **Year 13 Exams**

Good luck to Year 13 students sitting public examinations over the week, as well as those preparing for and sitting their mock exams.

### **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

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## Mulberry Schools Trust



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CONSCIOUS  
EQUALITY  
CHARTER MARK



## Executive Principal's and Principal's News



### Ski trip

This week a group of students went to the Italian ski resort, Sestriere. They had a fantastic time learning to ski and skiing in the beautiful Alps. Thank you to Mr Robertshaw, Ms Fabian, Ms Gillot and Ms Akthar for organising and taking them on the trip. Photos will be in next week's newsletter.

### Year 11 Parents Evening

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Year 11 parents' evening on Tuesday. It was a good opportunity to talk about their summer exams and how they can prepare and aim for their best grades. Thank you to the Sixth Form



Leaders who helped on the evening and ran a stall to showcase the Sixth Form.

### Parents' wellbeing workshop

On Wednesday, parents and carers were invited to attend a workshop to support them with their wellbeing. Thank you to Ms Miller for organising



this session, and look out for more workshops on a range of topics, designed to support parents.

### House quiz

Thank you to the House team for organising Thursday's University Challenge quiz, after school on Thursday. Lots of students came along to test their knowledge and join in the fun event.

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

## UCAS UPDATE

We have received offers for:

### A Level students

- King's College London, University of London, English
- King's College London, University of London, Culture, Media & Creative Industries
- King's College London, University of London, Biochemistry
- King's College London, University of London, Biomedical Science
- Nottingham Trent University, Business Management and Marketing

### Vocational

- Economics - University of Sheffield
- Business Management and Marketing - Nottingham Trent University
- Mechanical Engineering (with Foundation Year) - London South Bank University
- Construction Project Management (with Professional Placement) - Kingston University
- Business Management - Queen Mary University of London
- Criminology and Law - City St George's, University of London
- Film and Television Practice - London South Bank University
- Nursing (Child) - Middlesex University

## Sixth Form News

Twenty Year 13 students were rewarded for their excellent attendance with a trip to Immersive Gamebox. The experience was a fun and well-deserved way to celebrate their commitment to school, and a reminder that consistent attendance is recognised and celebrated. Congratulations to all who took part and keep up the great work!



This term's Year 12 enrichment activities started on Wednesday afternoon. The Foodies club (above) went to local restaurant, Get Stuffed,

and enjoyed their delicious Belfries.

**Date for your diary:** Our next Sixth Form Open evening is on Tuesday 27th January at 4pm-6pm.

**THE SCHOOL OF TOMORROW**  
The school of tomorrow starts today

**FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING**  
FOR YEARS 9, 10 & 11

**WHAT IS IT?**  
A student-led academic support programme helping students strengthen understanding, build confidence, and improve GCSE results – completely free.

**WHY APPLY?**  
• Improve grades  
• Build confidence  
• Personalised support  
• Stronger exam technique  
• No cost, no pressure, no judgement

**HOW TO APPLY**  
• Forms given out during form time.  
• Choose your subject(s) and how often you can attend

**Weekly Timetable**  
Monday Science 3:30-4:30  
Tuesday English 3:30-4:30  
Thursday Maths 3:30-4:30

**ENQUIRIES:** MAS20MM9571@mulberryschooltrust.org  
MAS20SO585@mulberryschooltrust.org

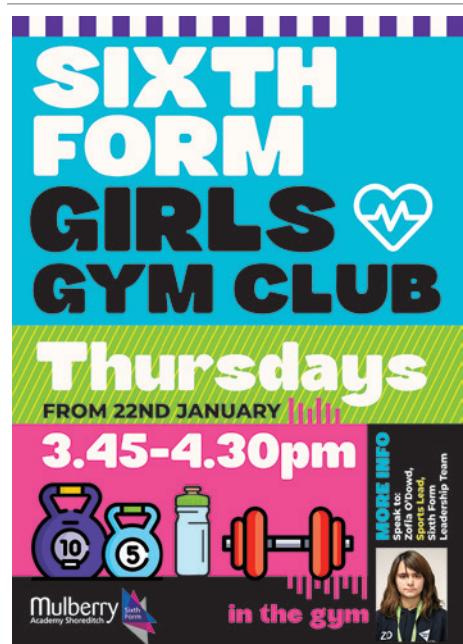
# Skiing with Year 7

On Wednesday a group of Year 7 students went skiing at Brentwood Park Ski Centre and had a fantastic time learning new skills – how to turn, stop and ski down the slope. They showed lots of courage and resilience, and had a lot of fun learning how to ski – they're looking forward to their next session.

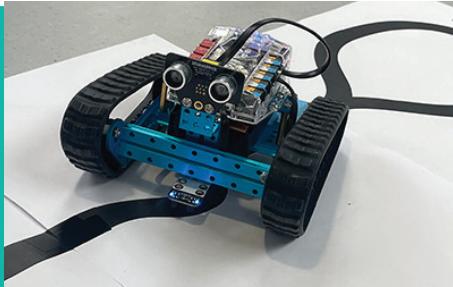


## JP Morgan Challenge

Y9 students continued their JP Morgan schools challenge, this week visiting the London Sneaker School, design work shop. The students worked really hard to make a prototype and information board about projects. They also very much enjoyed the Dominoes pizza lunch!



# Year 12 Robotics engineering



All Y12s from across the Trust met at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch to compete in their mBot robotics engineering task and present their posters to a panel of teachers. Students have worked in groups over the last couple of months to build and program robots to follow a black line and avoid obstacles. They then made university-style posters to document their work, including showcasing how they displayed the Mercedes PRIDE values. We were very impressed by the students communication in presentations and problem solving and resilience in programming the robots.



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VEN CON NOSOTROS! ISERA DIVERTIDO!

SPANISH TRIP TO **BARCELONA** SPAIN 9TH-12TH JUNE 2026 £350 (£150 deposit) asap

26 SPACES AVAILABLE ASK MR ROBERTSON FOR A LETTER

YEAR 10 AND YEAR 9 ONLY

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

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

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JOIN THE **READING CHALLENGE** NEW YEAR

Students AND staff will be participating!

What do you need to do? Every time you finish a book record it with our librarian. You will then win points for yourself AND for your House/Year Group.

LET'S GET READING  
The competition is open for one term only!

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**WORD OF THE WEEK** *WOW!*

**Ghastly**

**DEFINITION**: causing great horror or fear

**EXAMPLE**: There is no way I can swallow the ghastly medicine. Since my sister is known for her ghastly meals, I always eat before going to her house. No one wanted to go outside, the weather was ghastly.

**SYNONYMS**: Terrible. Frightful. Grim.

**ANTONYMS**: Blooming. Fresh. Buxom.

**CHARACTERISTICS**: Middle English: from obsolete *gast* 'terrify'. Old English *gaestan*, of Germanic origin; related to *ghost*.

## Creative writing competition

Year 9 students entered a creative writing competition at the end of last term and the English department is very excited to announce our winner: Amaaya Jehan Ali - well done!



The stars glared down at me, mockingly as they nestled themselves on the plush clouds. Walks were meant to be peaceful but listening to every echo of my footsteps along this isolated path kept a familiar weight of dread hunched over my shoulders. The towering trees and their long, gangly arms twisted and stretched above me, creating a menacing archway. Even the lights mocked me, glowing brighter than my future.

I gazed over the flimsy railings and slowed pace to watch the glistening water slowly moving with the passing breeze. I hadn't realised I had come to a complete stop, admiring the small ripples lapping over each other and the bits of debris that flocked peacefully. I gripped onto the railings, the cold biting into my hands. Staring down at the water, the squabbling of the voices in my head eased to a mere whisper. I closed my eyes peacefully.

Written by Amaaya Jehan Ali - 9E

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Seventy pupils (37 boys and 33 girls) are divided into two groups, with forty pupils in Group I and thirty in Group II.

How many more boys are there in Group I than there are girls in Group II?

**ANSWER: 7 more boys than girls**

Let the number of boys in Group I be  $x$ . The number of girls in Group I is therefore  $40 - x$  and the number of girls in Group II is  $33 - (40 - x) = x - 7$ .

There are therefore 7 girls fewer in Group II than there are boys in Group I.

## Year 11 ceramic art

Inspired by the work of ceramic artist Katharine Morling, Year 11 art students have chosen their own everyday object to create a 3D ceramic sculpture. They are really enjoying this project and we can't wait to see the finished pieces.



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

### Messages don't stay private

Although group chats can feel private, anything shared in them can be copied, screenshots or forwarded beyond the original group in seconds.

- Explain that messages, images and videos in group chats can be screenshots, forwarded or shared without permission.
- Remind your child that deleting a message does not mean it has disappeared.
- Encourage the rule: never send anything in a group chat that you wouldn't want shared more widely.

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.



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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>

