

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Families,

Thank you to Year 7 Parents/Carers who attended the Year 7 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and to have so many positive conversations about the students' learning.

On Thursday a group of our students set off for the TrailFam Residential at Buggle Cottages. This will be a valuable opportunity for students to strengthen friendships, build confidence and create lasting memories.

On Friday it was a privilege to see our students attend the launch of the Mulberry Production Arts Academy at the National Theatre. We are excited for the students as they embark on this programme and take up this brilliant opportunity.

MAS Sixth Form **Internal Year 11 students**

We will be holding assemblies all next week with our Year 11 students to share with them the range of curriculum choices on offer in our Sixth Form and support them in making informed choices for next year.

External Year 11 students

We look forward to meeting Parents/Carers and students new to Mulberry at our Sixth Form open event at 3.45pm on Tuesday 27th January 2026.

Year 9 DTP & MenACWY Vaccine 2025-2026

The DTP & MenACWY vaccine is offered to all Year 9 students, and the remaining vaccinations are scheduled on Monday 26th January 2026 at 9am.

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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Executive Principal's and Principal's News

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Ski trip

Last week's ski trip to the Italian Alps was a great success. All the students and staff had an unforgettable experience learning to ski in the beautiful mountains. See the photos on page 2. Thank you to Mr Robertshaw for organising such a fantastic trip and all the staff involved for their support, and care throughout the week.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thank you to the many Year 7 parents and carers who came along to meet with teachers at parents' evening on Tuesday. It was great to



see positive conversations going on about students' progress so far in Year 7. Thank you also to the Sixth Form students who helped out.

Happy Burns Night

Thank you to the House team who organised a staff celebration for Burns' Night after school on Wednesday. The Scottish celebration included

poetry and vegan Haggis and tatties. A special thank you to Zayd Islam (Year 7) who sang



'Wild Mountain Thyme' so beautifully. Happy Burns Night to all those celebrating on Sunday.

TrailFam

We wish the TrailFam team a fantastic four days in Cornwall where they are volunteering and racing at the UTMB Arc of Attrition trail running event.

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

Sixth Form News

Extended summary of UCAS

Ms Marvin and Mr Hibbs are proud to share that this year's UCAS deadline of 16 January has been met with a record number of applications, with 243 students successfully submitting their forms on time. This is a significant achievement and reflects the ambition, organisation and positive attitude shown by our Year 13 cohort throughout what can be a demanding process. Students approached the deadline with maturity, engaging proactively with guidance and feedback.

We have been delighted by the breadth of courses and destinations our students have applied for, including a wide range of subjects at universities both in London and across the UK. Many students have already begun receiving offers, including from a strong number of Russell Group universities, which is a real testament to their hard work and ambition.

Although the equal consideration deadline for UCAS has now passed, students are still able to submit applications. Any students who wish

to apply at this stage will continue to be fully supported, with tailored guidance available to help them explore alternative pathways, including late applications, Clearing, and other post-18 options. Mr Khan will be working closely with these students to ensure they receive appropriate advice and next steps. Looking ahead, students who have received offers now have until 6 May to confirm their firm and insurance choices. We look forward to supporting them through this next stage of the journey and celebrating their successes as offers continue to come in.

Vocational offer updates

- University of Northampton - Adult Nursing
- London South Bank University - Mechanical Engineering (with Foundation Year)
- Queen Mary University Of London - International Business Analytics
- Goldsmiths University of London - Law with Criminal Justice and Human Rights
- Coventry University - Accounting &

Finance

- City St George's - Business with Marketing (with Professional Placement)

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

Run by Sixth Form students

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Ski trip Sestriere 26

Our recent ski trip was an unforgettable adventure packed with snow, smiles, and spectacular progress on the slopes! From first-time skiers to confident improvers, students threw themselves into the experience with enthusiasm and determination, making impressive progress over the course of the week. Each day was filled with professional ski lessons, fresh mountain air, and plenty of laughs (and the occasional tumble!). Students showed real resilience, encouraging one another and celebrating every achievement — from mastering turns to tackling steeper runs by the end of the trip. Off the slopes, evenings were just as enjoyable, with organised activities, games, and plenty of opportunities to relax and socialise after a busy day in the snow. Students represented the school superbly, demonstrating independence, teamwork, and maturity.



London Assembly visit

On Monday, the Politics Society hosted three London Assembly members (including the Chair of the Police and Crime Committee) to speak to our students about an investigative report they are conducting on violence on transport in London. The students were asked questions and were able to talk in length about their own experiences and offer suggestions on how our current systems could be improved. The Members were hugely impressed with the way in which our students articulated themselves and noted down a number of ideas our students presented. It was a fantastic afternoon and our students did the school proud!

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MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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On Wednesday, Masud Sharif, former MAS and Mulberry STEM Academy student, came into school to talk to students about his role as an Automation Engineering Apprentice at Amazon and about his journey from applying to securing the role. Masud gave really helpful insight into his day-to-day responsibilities at Amazon and the studies that go alongside. He also gave lots of helpful advice about the application process and the preparation, skills and determination needed to be successful in securing an apprenticeship. Thank you to Masud for inspiring students - for sharing his experiences and advice, and answering their questions.

Talking about apprenticeships with academy alumnus Masud



SIXTH FORM GIRLS GYM CLUB

Thursdays
FROM 22ND JANUARY

3.45-4.30pm

in the gym

MORE INFO
Sports Lead:
Zofia O'Dowd,
Sports Lead,
Both Form
Leadership Team

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BENCH BALL

THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY
IN THE SPORTS HALL
3:35PM - 4:30PM

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Mysterious

DEFINITION
difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify

EXAMPLE
We heard a mysterious noise outside our tent. But what is this mysterious smoke coming out of the volcano? It is hinted that he made a mysterious visit to the American colonies.

SYNONYMS
Puzzling. Strange. Peculiar.

ANTONYMS
Familiar. Usual. Clear.

CHARACTERISTICS
Late 16th century; from French mystérieux, from mystère 'mystery'.
Noun - mystery

EY Business Enterprise Day

On Wednesday, Year 10 students enjoyed a business enterprise workshop with EY Foundation. The session was designed to introduce students to transferable employability skills and Build awareness of different careers, job options and pathways.



House University Challenge

Last Thursday a group of KS3 students took on some Y12 students in the House University Challenge. It was a heated competition where each team shared some elite knowledge! Eventually, the KS3 students won, after some fantastic answers. Congratulations to the team!



Year 9 Envision final

On Tuesday, Year 9 students who have been participating in the Envision programme gave their final presentations to their peers, mentors, and a panel of judges.



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Sam writes on a white board the positive integers from 1 to 6 inclusive, once each. She then writes p additional fives and q sevens on the board. The mean of all the numbers on the board is then 5.3. What is the smallest possible value of q ?

ANSWER: $q = 9$

The final sum of the numbers on the board is $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 5p + 7q = 21 + 5p + 7q$. As there are now $6 + p + q$ numbers on the board, $\frac{21 + 5p + 7q}{6 + p + q} = 5.3$. Therefore $10(21 + 5p + 7q) = 53(6 + p + q)$, that is $210 + 50p + 70q = 318 + 53p + 53q$. So $17q = 108 + 3p = 3(36 + p)$. Hence q is a multiple of 3 as 17 and 3 are coprime. Also, as $p > 0$, $17q > 108$. Therefore $q \geq 7$. So the smallest possible value of q is 9; and this does satisfy the conditions with $p = 15$.

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:

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>

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

Participation includes reactions

In group chats, harm is not only caused by sending messages — reacting, liking or forwarding content also plays a role in cyberbullying.

- Make it clear that forwarding, liking, reacting to or re-sharing harmful content still causes harm.
- Even "laughing along" with emojis can make a situation worse for the person being targeted.
- Encourage your child to mute, leave or report group chats where bullying or inappropriate content appears.

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