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Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful half-term break.

On Wednesday we had students took part in an exciting project ahead of World Book Day next week. Award winning author Shareefa Energy led an engaging creative writing workshop alongside students from Bexhill Academy. To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, we will be holding a dress-up day. Students are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book.

We will also have students taking part in a range of activities all week for International Women's Day all under the theme of ambition, inclusion and community as well as a number of activities going on to mark Careers Week.

Year 11 will be starting their mock exams on Monday. They have worked really hard in the run up to these exams and we want to wish them the very best of luck.

Additional Year 6 Open Morning

We will be holding additional year 6 open mornings from Tuesday 3rd March to Friday 6th March, starting at 9.15am.

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 and Principal's News

THE
MAS
WAY



Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing and welcome back after what we hope was a happy half term holiday. This term will be busy with students doing their mock exams and lots of activities and enrichment alongside their academic work.

The TrailFam team are in running Gran Canaria this week and we wish them lots of fun and success in their race.

It was lovely to welcome visitors from Southfields Academy and show them around the school on Wednesday.

Bexhill and MAS workshop

We enjoyed having a group of



students from Bexhill Academy to do a workshop, alongside MAS Year 7 students, with poet/writer, Shareefa Energy ahead of World Book Day next week.

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th March. We're looking forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the week.

Choir practice

Every Wednesday it is a joy to listen to the the school choir singing in the Street - they brighten our Wednesdays with their music.



Open Mornings

We are holding Open Mornings for Year 6 students and parents next week. If you are looking for a secondary school place for this September, do come along and see us.

Open Mornings start at 9.15am from Tuesday 3rd March to Friday 6th March and Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



Sixth Form News

It has been a positive start back after half term, and we were pleased to welcome all Year 12 and Year 13 students back into school. We wish our Year 13 students the very best as they sit additional mock examinations over the next fortnight. These assessments are an important opportunity to strengthen exam technique and build confidence ahead of the summer series.

Year 12 students attended a vocational assembly led by Mark Evison, which provided valuable insight into apprenticeships and alternative post-18 pathways. We also enjoyed a successful trip to Goldsmiths, where students explored The Psychology of Business Computing and Creative Computing, gaining a real understanding of how technology, creativity and human behaviour intersect at university level.

We are also looking forward to a range of events next week as part of Careers Week. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to engage

with different pathways and future possibilities, and we encourage everyone to get involved.

Year 7-10 Careers Drop Day
A dedicated careers-focused drop day where all activities centre around future pathways, employability skills and aspirations.

Year 8 & 9 BAFTA Industry Workshop
Students visit BAFTA headquarters for an interactive workshop exploring careers in film, television, animation, gaming and VFX. Industry professionals break down real pathways, key skills and creative routes into the sector.

Year 8 BUPA Healthcare Insight Day
A healthcare-focused experience introducing students to the wide range of roles within the sector. Sessions explore clinical and non-clinical pathways, highlighting how science, communication and teamwork underpin patient care.

Year 10 & 12 Envision Programme
A social action and enterprise programme where students work in teams to develop solutions to real community issues. They build leadership, project management and presentation skills alongside professional mentors.

Year 11 Careers Adviser Appointments
Weekly one-to-one guidance sessions supporting students with post-16 choices. Personalised advice ensures informed decisions around sixth form, apprenticeships and alternative pathways.

Year 12 KPMG One-Day Work Experience
An intensive insight into professional services, workplace expectations and commercial awareness. Students engage in practical tasks and hear directly from industry professionals about career progression.

Year 12 Bayes Business School Visit
A university experience introducing students to business, finance and economics degrees. Sessions focus on progression routes, employability skills and the realities of studying at a leading institution.

Year 13 Mosaic Programme
A mentoring and leadership initiative designed to support students with ambition and next-step planning. Participants develop confidence, networking skills and exposure to corporate environments.

International Women's Day
2nd - 6th March 2026

WHAT'S ON

- IWD Guest speaker (Assemblies)
- Woman in Arts Treasure Hunt
- Inspirational women in tutor time slides
- Diversity Student leaders Stall "Who inspires you?" "Everybody is Perfect"
- Letters to my Mother celebration
- Drop Day IWD sessions "Diversity in work" "What is Misogyny"
- Global Girls Bake sale
- KS3 door Display and Who Inspires Me Window display

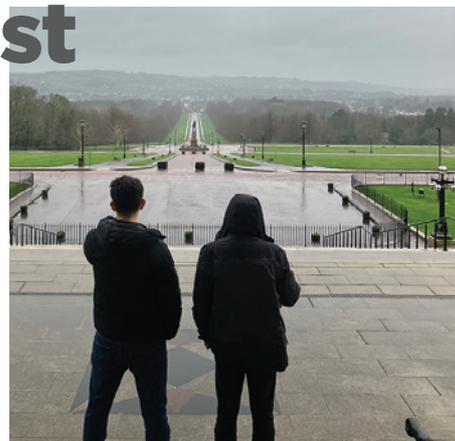
#IWD2026 #GiveToGain

THE MAS WAY
Ambition: Inspirational Women
Inclusion: Stories from and understanding the context of a diverse range of women
Community: Women supporting women and men supporting women.

Sixth Form Trip to Belfast

From the 11th Feb - 13th Feb, 20 History and Politics Sixth Form students, along with Mr Mickleburgh and Ms James went on a three-day trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Within this time, the students had an enriching experience of not only the Irish weather, but from visiting several places of historic and political interest. On the first day, students visited the many murals and peace walls around Belfast relating to Northern Ireland's troubled past. Students were allowed to write their name or message of peace on one of the peace walls. Later that day, we visited the world-famous Titanic Museum, located next to the birth place of the Titanic itself, the

renowned Harland & Wolff (H&W) Shipyard. On the second day of trip, students got the chance to visit the amazing Ulster Museum which covered Ireland's natural history and social historic past. Later on, we took the students to visit the beautiful Stormont Parliament Building, Students were able to go and sit around the Assembly Chamber! On the final day of the, students excitingly visited the Crumlin Road Goal, where they got to go on a virtual tour of the old 19th century jail. This included the eerie underground tunnel from the Courthouse across the road to the prison of the jail as well as the execution/ hanging room. Everyone



thoroughly enjoyed this eye-opening experience and would definitely go back Northern Ireland again to visit the many other places of interest.



Sixth Form Leadership Training

The Sixth Form Leadership Team attended a leadership training day this week, delivered by The Life Skills Company. The session focused on communication, emotional intelligence and presentation skills. Student feedback was extremely positive, with students describing the session as engaging, interactive and insightful, highlighting the opportunity to explore new perspectives and develop a better understanding of their

own strengths. Well done to all students involved.



HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2026
3.35-5.00pm in the MUGA

YEARS 7-9 ★★★★★ 7 A SIDE

SIGN UP TO PLAY
1 team per year group

Barbican and Tower: Wayne
Trafalgar and Thames: Ahmed
Tate and Globe: Stephen

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SIXTH FORM CLASSICS

SYMPOSIUM & SCREENING
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH
LIBRARY FROM 15:45

CELEBRATE ALL THINGS ANCIENT FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!

SCREENING OF TROY FILM
16:00 - 18:30

CLASSICAL POETRY & BAD FILM BINGO

XENIA WORTHY OF ZEUS (GREEK REFRESHMENTS)

ALL SIXTH FORM STUDENTS WELCOME

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WE'RE CELEBRATING **WORLD BOOK DAY**

a week of celebrations at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

2ND - 6TH MARCH 2026

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

Memorable Books Lunchtimes in the library BY THE STAFF AT M&S

HISTORY CLUB AND GEOGRAPHY CLUB: **OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS**

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP ABOUT READING WITH SHAREEFA ENERGY

SCREENING OF TROY FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE CLASSICAL LITERATURE

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MAS and Bexhill Author workshop

This week, we were happy to host Bexhill Academy students along with some of our own top readers in Year 7 to attend a workshop run by Shareefa Energy on the importance of books and reading. This was part of our celebrations for World Book Day next week. Students discussed what reading meant to them, their favourite books and their favourite spaces to

read. Each culminated in a session where students were able to share their writing on the key themes discussed in the sessions - the quality of the work was outstanding! It was lovely to host the students and staff from Bexhill who enjoyed their visit to the school and wholeheartedly took part in every activity!



Creative Skills Pathway

Three Year 9 girls who took part in the Creative Skills Pathway were selected to speak about their experiences at a special event attended by local MPs and Councillors from Westminster this week. They delivered their presentations with confidence, sharing how the programme has supported them in building self confidence and developing strong teamwork skills.

The students represented both St Hilda's and Mulberry Shoreditch exceptionally well, engaging the audience and demonstrating a high level of maturity and assurance throughout.

It was also notable how warmly the Mulberry students welcomed the primary school pupil who had been invited to attend. Their kindness and support reflected the core values of the school community. Well done to Marwa, Mehreen and Maria and thank you to Ms Izobo and Ms Armstrong for taking students.



SIXTH FORM GYM CLUB
HIIT & P-FIT WORKOUT
 WITH MR CHOWDHURY
MONDAYS 3.30-4.30PM
 STARTS 2ND MARCH
 ANY QUESTIONS? SPEAK TO KHALID (YEAR 12)
 @ MAS20KA59@mulberryschoolstrust.org
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SIXTH FORM BADMINTON CLUB FRIDAYS
 IN THE SPORTS HALL
 WITH MS SHEPHERD AND MR BECKERTON
 ALL SIXTH FORMERS WELCOME
3.30 - 4.30PM
 STARTS FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
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HOUSE EVENTS
 Help your House get the most points to win the coveted House Cup!
FEBRUARY
 Tuesday 24th Wellbeing Lunch Painting
SPRING TERM
MARCH
 Thursday 5th World Book Day
 Tuesday 10th KS3 Football Competition
 Thursday 12th Mastermind
 Friday 13th Proud2be Workshop
 Wednesday 25th Girls Football
 Speak to the House Team or a student House Leader for more information.
COME and join in... TIME to HAVE FUN!

Careers News

It's an exciting time for both Year 10 and Year 12 students as they take part in the Envision Programme.

Year 10 have just begun their journey, developing teamwork, leadership and communication skills through social action projects. Meanwhile The Year 12 Envision team have been continuing their tutoring programme with Years 9, 10 and 11. If you would like your child to get involved, sessions are on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30-4.30.



Work experience placements are now starting to come in, and students have begun interviewing with potential providers — a great step towards preparing for the world of work.

A reminder to Year 10 parents: The Own Find placement deadline is 20th March. Please ensure all paperwork is submitted on time.



Year 12 visited Goldsmiths, University of London for a workshop delivered in partnership with the Mulberry Schools Trust, gaining valuable insight into university life and future pathways.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

Children often interact with people they don't know without realising it

- Many conversations happen through game chats, livestream comments and app replies, so pupils may not view it as "talking to strangers". This is on a range of apps.
- Features like emojis, likes and quick replies can make interactions feel informal and familiar, even when the person is unknown.

What parents can do: Ask your child to show you the apps and games they enjoy and where messaging appears. Having an understanding of the platform helps you guide them more confidently.

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?

The kettle in Keith's kitchen is 80% full. After 20% of the water in it has been poured out, there are 1152ml of water left.

What volume of water does Keith's kitchen kettle hold when it is full?

ANSWER: 1800ml

20% of the 80% is 16% of the kettle's capacity. Therefore the volume of water left in the kettle after Keith has poured out 20% of the original amount is 64% of the kettle's capacity. So when full, the kettle holds $\frac{1152}{64} \times 100$ ml, that is 1800 ml.

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MAS STATIONERY SHOP
 BUY YOUR STATIONERY AT LUNCHTIME EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE STREET
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PENS (BLACK/RED/BLUE)	20P
COMPASS	£1
PROTRACTOR	50P
RULER	20P
HIGHLIGHTER	£1
PENCILS	10P
LEVER ARCH FILE	£2
PLANNERS	£5
PENCIL RUBBER	20P
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WORD OF THE WEEK
Plagiarise
 Wow!

DEFINITION
 To take words or ideas from another person's work and use them in your work, without stating that they are not your own.

EXAMPLE
 1. He had to repay £10,000 in royalties for plagiarising another rapper's lyrics.
 2. Her teacher had to explain to her that copying and pasting someone else's words from the internet was plagiarism.

SYNONYMS
 To copy. To steal. To use illegally.

ANTONYMS
 To be original. Create something new.

CHARACTERISTICS
 From the Latin word 'plagiarius', meaning 'kidnapper'.