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Thursday 19th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week has been full of exciting and enriching trips that have provided students with valuable experiences beyond the classroom. A group of students visited Bayes Business School, the English department celebrated student success with a rewards trip to see Romeo and Juliet and Year 9 students enjoyed an informative visit to the Houses of Parliament.

We look forward to welcoming Parents/Carers to our upcoming Year 12 Academic Parents' Evening on Tuesday 24th March to discuss students' progress, celebrate their achievements and identify next steps as they continue their Sixth Form journey.

On Tuesday we will also be holding a mock results event for Year 11. The students worked incredibly hard for these mock exams and this will be a key point for them in the final push until the real exams.

As we come to the end of the holy month of Ramadan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Eid Mubarak to all families who are celebrating. I hope Eid brings joy, peace and celebration to all your families.

Eid Closure

Our school follows the term dates set by Tower Hamlets. School will be closed on Friday 20th March for Eid.

Year 12 Academic Parents' Evening

We look forward to meeting Year 12 Parents/Carers at 3.45pm on Tuesday 24th March 2026

End of Term

A reminder that school will close on Friday 27th March. All students will be dismissed at 12pm and school will reopen as normal on Monday 13th April.

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the very sad news of two recent deaths in Kent linked to meningitis (strain B), we wanted to share some helpful information about meningococcal disease and the vaccinations available to protect against it.

Since 2015, the Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine has been included in the national childhood immunisation programme and is routinely given in infancy. Children born before 2015 would not have received this vaccine as part of the NHS schedule, although it is available privately.

The MenACWY vaccine, which protects against four strains of meningitis (A, C, W and Y), is routinely offered to young people in Year 9 through the school-based immunisation programme. If your child missed their Year 9 vaccination, we are able to offer catch-up appointments locally—please contact our team if you would like to arrange this.

For those who would like to learn more, a recent webinar for parents and carers about the DTP and MenACWY vaccines is available to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj3ql-WLin8&t=28s>

If your child has not yet received the MenACWY vaccine, you can complete a consent form using the link below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/consent-forms-dtp>

Please note that the MenACWY vaccine is offered from Year 9 onwards and cannot be given before this stage.

If you have any concerns or would like further information about meningitis, we recommend visiting:

<https://www.meningitisnow.org>

Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect the health and wellbeing of all children and young people.

Vaccination UK

Executive Principal and Principal's News

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MAS
WAY



We wish our staff, students and families who are celebrating, a blessed and happy Eid! May this special day be filled with peace, delicious food, and wonderful memories.



Attendance and Behaviour Hub
On Monday we started the week with an Attendance and Behaviour Hub Open Morning, welcoming visitors from schools across London and from the DfE.

Primary School Art classes
We have been pleased to welcome a lovely group of students from St Monica's Primary School over the last

three weeks. They have been using their creative skills to paint portraits and, this week, to create fantastic cyanotype images. Thank you to Ms Kilmanaite who has run these wonderful art workshops.



Boys' Choir
As always on a Wednesday it was lovely to hear the Boys' Choir practicing in the Street.

Careers talk

On Wednesday we had a visitor, Adam Cooper, in school speaking to some of our year 11, 12 and 13 students. Adam Cooper is someone who has had a brilliant career in international relations and conflict resolution. He came in to speak to the students about his career journey and give advice to them as to how to get into and progress in this field. He gave a great talk followed by some brilliant questions from the students.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



Sixth Form News

This week, students had the opportunity to meet an experienced professional in conflict resolution, gaining valuable insight into this career pathway. They were able to ask thoughtful questions about the nature of the role, the skills required, and the journey taken to reach this position. We are very grateful to Ms Gibson for organising such an informative and engaging event.

Congratulations to all students who received their vocational results on Thursday. Your commitment, resilience, and sustained effort over time have clearly paid off, and you should take real pride in what you have achieved. These results reflect not only your academic ability, but also your dedication and perseverance throughout the course.

A reminder to all Year 12 students that work experience will take place from 29th June to 3rd July 2026. This is an

important opportunity to gain practical insight into the world of work and begin developing key employability skills. Mr Khan will be sharing further details shortly.



Year 13 students are continuing their 7-week employability mentoring programme with the Kings Trust, developing a range of skills that will help them to navigate the world of work beyond Sixth Form.

Science in the spotlight

We had two teams from Year 9 at the JP Morgan Schools Challenge Final, held at the Tottenham stadium. The teams have worked on their projects to make London Greener with JP Morgan mentors over the past six months. Well done you presented your work beautifully and represented yourself and the school exceptionally - you should be very proud of yourselves.



Brilliant Club

This week a group of Year 7s have begun working with a mentor from Queen Mary University on disease detection. The students showed real enthusiasm and asked some very thoughtful questions. Well done!

Gold Crest Awards

Well done to Adyan, Rehan and Tahmid in y13 for achieving your gold crest award.



This award equates to over 70 hours of project work and has been awarded by the British Science Association. Congratulations on your excellent achievement.

Year 9 English reward trip

A select group of Year 9 students who have shown excellent effort in English this year went to The Globe Theatre of Monday to see a performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The show was entertaining, surprising and very interactive! We loved it! Bella-May Hutchensen in 9B said 'It was a very energetic, modern version of Romeo and Juliet. My favourite character was Juliet's nurse because she was so funny!'

We hope to be back at The Globe soon to see more of Shakespeare's plays brought to life!



Surviving the Holocaust

On Wednesday 18th March a group of Year 9 and Year 12 History students took part in an outreach session with the Holocaust Educational Trust. We were visited by Chris Shaw, the son of Holocaust survivor Isobel Lowy, who shared his mother's story of surviving Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen and how she re-built her life in Sweden and then Britain after the war. Hearing about her attitude of living her life to the fullest and refusing to carry bitterness and hatred despite her horrific experiences was powerful and inspiring. The talk also illuminated many details of the topics Year 9 have recently been studying, on Hitler and the Nazis. We were impressed with the range of thoughtful and perceptive questions asked by the students during the Q&A session.



CELEBRATING WOMEN IN SCIENCE

AN EVENT FOR YEARS 10-13 BY INVITE

Tuesday March 24th 2026
Lunchtime 1pm-1.35pm
Room 417

There will be pizza available and guest speakers who are women who studied science giving a short presentation about their careers and then a Q&A.

Careers/degrees studied include medicine, engineering and finance

Any questions, see Ms Woolcock

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WORD OF THE WEEK

WOW!

Connections

DEFINITION

A relationship in which a person or thing is linked or associated with something else.

EXAMPLE

1. We want to encourage activities that build connections between people.
2. She hopes to use her connections in the fashion industry to promote her products.

SYNONYMS

Link
Relationship
Attachment

ANTONYMS

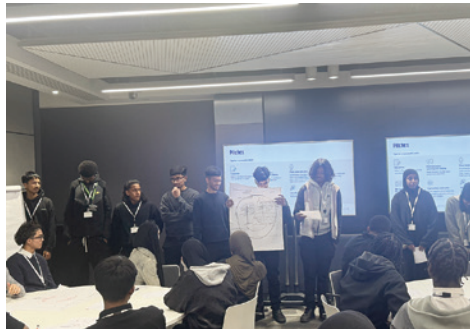
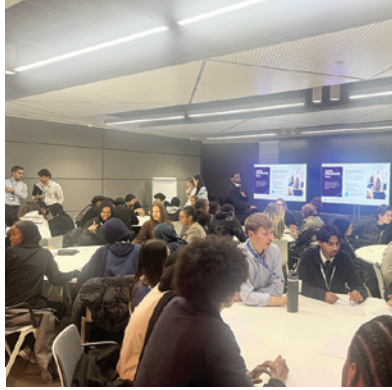
Separation
Disconnection
Division

CHARACTERISTICS

From Latin conectere "join together"

KPMG Work Experience

At the beginning of the month, Year 12 students had the fantastic opportunity to undertake a day of work experience at KPMG HQ in Canada Square. They were set a project starting with a client brief, and then had to take an idea through stages from research, data analysis, marketing strategies etc. and then pitch their ideas to staff at KPMG using the advice given and the techniques they learned during the day.



Year 10 have been continuing their 12-week programme with Envision where they are developing essential skills by designing, developing and delivering a social action project.

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AN EXCITING WATER SPORTS ADVENTURE

22ND - 28TH JUNE '26

FOR 9 YEAR STUDENTS

GOSTA BRAVA SPAIN

£550
All costs included

KAYAKING . PADDLE BOARDING
SAILING . WINDSURFING
+ A WHOLE DAY AT AN INCREDIBLE WATER PARK

Adventure, friends & unforgettable memories

See Mr Robertshaw for more info

GIRL'S FOOTBALL Tournament

fill in a form from the House Office. First come first serve!

Wednesday 25th March during p5/6

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BAFTA Q&A

Students from Years 8 and 9 were invited to the BAFTA to listen to finalists of the BAFTA Young Game Designer competition and about their inspiration and creative challenges of creating a game. Students also had a Q&A with the games designers and gained valuable insight into careers in the entertainments industry and ways to kick-start a dream career.



Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day 2026

Tower Hamlets Learning Advisory Service held their wonderful annual World Down Syndrome Day celebration at Marner Primary. Our lovely Andreea Runcan in year 7 attended and represented MAS brilliantly! The students practiced enthusiastically to perfect their performances and prepare a fantastic show for their parents and carers in the audience. The day was filled with lots of laughs and love, community and inclusivity!



HAF: HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

St Hildas will be running a holiday activities and food (HAF) programme throughout the easter school break. The programme provides enriching activities, healthy meals and free childcare places to children from low-income families in year 7, benefiting their health, wellbeing and learning. Children must be in receipt of benefits related free school meals and have a HAF code.

THE PROGRAMME WILL RUN FROM 10AM - 2PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

WEEK 1: MON 30 TH MARCH TUES 31 ST MARCH, WED 1 ST APRIL THURS 2 ND APRIL	WEEK 2: TUES 7 TH APRIL WED 8 TH APRIL THURS 9 TH APRIL
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FREE

Please contact reception for more information at mail@sthildas.org.uk or call 02077398066. Address: 18 Club Row London, E2 7EY





Supporting your child to stay safe online

Children can feel pressure to keep conversations going

Young people often worry about seeming rude if they ignore messages, even when they would rather not continue a conversation. Frequent notifications can create a sense that they must reply immediately.

What parents can do: Remind your child it is always okay to ignore, block or leave a conversation and practise using these features together so they feel confident.

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?

$\frac{22}{7}$ and $\frac{355}{113}$ are common fractional approximations to π .
By using long division, work out as many decimal places as you can of the two fractions.

ANSWER:

$\frac{22}{7} = 3.142857142857142857 \dots$

$\frac{355}{113} = 3.141592920353982300884955752212389 \dots$