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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Families,

I would like to thank all Parents and Carers who attended the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and to have the opportunity to discuss students' progress and achievements.

This week marked the end of work experience for our Year 12 STEM students. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, professionalism and enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout their placements. Many employers commented positively on the students' attitude and willingness to learn, reflecting the high standards of our school.

On Wednesday, we were honoured to welcome a delegation of 15 Headteachers from across Belgium. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the outstanding work taking place across our school. The guests spent time touring the school, visiting lessons and meeting both staff and students to gain an insight into the learning environment and wider school culture. The Headteachers commented positively on the calm atmosphere, student engagement and the welcoming nature of the school. Many shared how inspired they felt after visiting us and praised the strong sense of ambition, inclusion and community that was evident throughout the day.

Examinations continue across the school as students in Years 11 and 13 work hard towards the completion of their GCSE and A-Level qualifications. We would like to commend all students for their continued dedication, resilience and maturity throughout the examination period so far.

### Vaccines

**Year 8 HPV Vaccine** will be taking place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

### Staff Inset Day

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026** is a staff inset day and the school will therefore be closed to pupils.

### 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



### Parents' Evening

On Tuesday the Year 9 parents' evening was very well attended. Thank you to parents and carers who came along to meet with teachers.

### Visitors from Belgium

On Wednesday we welcomed a group of educators from Belgium who were visiting to find out about



our school and the different aspects of our school life from teaching and learning strategies, pastoral care, inclusion and enrichment to the House system and daily experiences of our students and staff alike. They had a tour of the buildings and presentations from school leaders. This is what our visitors said following their morning at MAS:

**"We would like to thank you for the inspiring visit at Mulberry Academy.**

**All of our colleagues were in awe of how the school is run and how you can feel the values of your school everywhere."**

### Mulberry STEM Academy work experience

The first group of Mulberry STEM Academy students have spent this week at the Mercedes-Benz

Grand Prix headquarters in Brackley. They've had a fantastic and productive week – we're looking forward to hearing from them about their experience.



### to Sir David Attenborough



This week students have been getting involved in lessons and activities to celebrate the 100th birthday of renowned broadcaster, natural historian and writer, Sir David Attenborough. See how we marked this milestone on page 2.

**Mrs Ruth Holden,**  
Executive Principal

**Ms Melissa Gibson,**  
Principal

## Sixth Form News

### Year 12 students begin M&G Skills for Life programme

Our Year 12 students recently took part in the first of three workshops as part of the M&G Skills for Life programme, delivered in partnership with The Talent Foundry.

The opening workshop focused on developing employability skills, confidence, and career readiness, giving students valuable insight into the professional world. Through interactive activities and discussions, students explored key workplace skills including communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. The session was highly engaging and encouraged students to reflect on their future aspirations while building practical skills that will support them beyond sixth form education.

This was the first workshop in a three-part series, with the remaining two sessions taking place over the next fortnight. We look forward to seeing our students continue to benefit from this exciting programme and further develop their confidence and employability skills.



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# WORD OF THE WEEK

## Recognition

*Noun*

**DEFINITION**

- Public respect and thanks for someone's achievements.
- The act of identifying or knowing someone or something.

**EXAMPLE**

She was presented with an award in recognition of her excellent progress at school.

He stared at her, but there was no sign of recognition.

**SYNONYMS**

Appreciation  
Acknowledgement  
Acceptance

**ANTONYMS**

Disbelief.  
Blame.

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
From the Latin verb 'recognoscere', re + cognoscere = to re-know or re-see. Recognition is often followed by 'of' or 'that'. The verb is 'recognise'.

# Sir David Attenborough turns **100**

In a week-long celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday and his life and career spent caring for our planet, our students took part in activities based the natural environment.

In Science, Years 7 and 8 learned about biodiversity in the local area and how to encourage wildlife into our urban environment. They made bug houses and placed some of them in our school grounds to create habitats for insects.



Thank you to the Year 10 work experience students for an excellent collection of leaves and twigs to make the bug houses



All students could take sunflower seeds home to grow



Students watched some of Sir David Attenborough's famous wildlife documentaries at lunchtimes in the library, and on Friday they wrote letters to wish him a Happy 100th Birthday.

# Alastair Campbell talks politics



Last week History and Politics A Level students went to Mulberry UTC to listen to the renowned British political strategist and commentator, Alastair Campbell. Mr Campbell started with a short talk about the importance of participating in politics and then was very keen to answer as many questions as possible from the students. It was a morning of good discussion and debate and the students came away from the event with lots of thoughts and ideas. We all enjoyed it and two of our students even managed to get a signed copy of his latest book!

# Year 10 bake sale supports Action for Kids

This term, our students have continued to demonstrate outstanding creativity, teamwork, and social responsibility through a range of enrichment opportunities and community projects.

Our Year 10 students recently organised a successful bake sale as part of their Envision project, raising money for the charity Action for Kids. Students worked collaboratively to plan, advertise, and run the event, showcasing impressive entrepreneurial skills and community spirit.

The bake sale featured a variety of homemade treats and was well supported by both students and staff across the school. Through their hard work and dedication, the Year 10 team raised valuable funds to support the charity's work with disabled



children, young people, and their families.

The project has provided students with an excellent opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills while making a positive impact within the wider community.

*\* Well Done \**



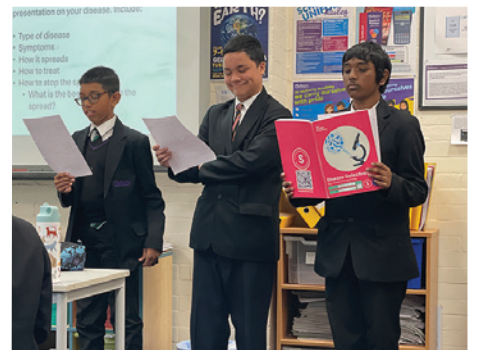
# Netball Competition

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in a netball competition at Langdon Park School. The girls played exceptionally well, drawing against Mulberry Girls and narrowly losing to Central Foundation and Langdon Park. Well done to all involved. Ms Izobo



# Brilliant club

Well done to the Brilliant Club students who gave some great presentations from their 'Disease Detective' research into different types of diseases such as Ebola and Malaria, during their session on Thursday.



# Art club



get creative with clay  
on Thursday at lunchtime

## UKMT intermediate maths challenge

\* Well Done \*

Congratulations to the following Y7 students who sat the UKMT junior maths challenge and gained a certificate!

### GOLD

Muhammad Abbas Jalil  
(Best in school)

### ISSI Phipps

### SILVER

Elodie Arbiso  
Florence Epton

### Zaheer Rahman

Muhammed Hussein

### BRONZE

Rehaan Hossain

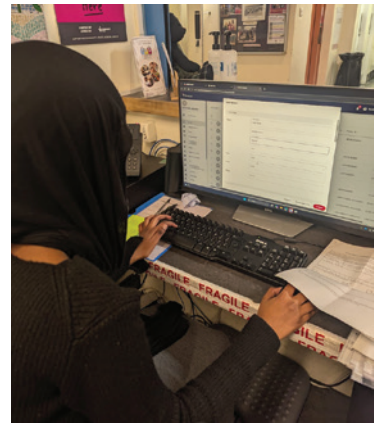
Sylvie Scott

Keon Freeman

Ruwayda Osman

# Year 10 Work Experience

A group of students recently completed their work experience at St Hilda's East. The students conducted themselves very well throughout their placement, and the staff were highly impressed with their attitude and effort. They would be very happy to welcome them back in the future.



## Well done Tate House!

A win for  
Tate at the  
Badminton  
tournament  
on Thursday



### 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. It is important that school have up to date medication.



### Year 8 HPV Vaccine 2024-2025

Will take place in school on the following dates:  
Monday 11th May 2026 9am



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Taran thought of a whole number and then multiplied it by either 5 or 6. Krishna added 5 or 6 to Taran's answer. Finally Eshan subtracted either 5 or 6 from Krishna's answer. The final result was 73. What number did Taran choose?

**ANSWER: 12**

## Supporting your child to stay safe online

**Multiple or 'hidden' accounts are not truly private**

Children may create secondary accounts (e.g. "finstas") thinking they are hidden, but content can still be shared or discovered. For example, screenshots from a "private" account are often shared during disagreements between friends.

Peers often share or expose these accounts during fallouts. **What parents can do:** Keep open conversations about all accounts your child uses and avoid making it feel like they need to hide them.

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