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Dear Families,

It has been another brilliant half term at MAS. The examination period remains fully underway across the school, with students continuing to demonstrate perseverance, commitment and determination throughout a busy and important time of the academic year. It has been pleasing to see students arriving prepared, engaging positively with revision opportunities and supporting one another during the ongoing exam season.

Students have continued to take part in a range of enrichment opportunities throughout the week, including DofE training days, a visit to the National Portrait Gallery and a number of sports fixtures. This week also saw our U15 Girls' NFL Flag team compete in the regional finals, where they achieved an impressive 8th place finish against some of the top 15 schools in the region. Despite being one of the newest teams to the sport, the girls showed incredible commitment, dedication and teamwork throughout the competition.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our incoming Year 6 students for a highly successful "Getting to Know You" interviews. The event provided students with the opportunity to meet staff and familiarise themselves with the school environment ahead of their transition to secondary school. We look forward to welcoming them in September.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would like to encourage any interested parents or carers to consider applying for this important role. Parent Governors play a valuable part in supporting the strategic direction of the school, working alongside school leaders and other governors to help ensure the best possible outcomes for all students. Further information about the role, responsibilities and application process can be found here:

<https://www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Parent-Governor-Election-2026.pdf>

Thank you to all students, staff and families for your continued hard work and support throughout this half term. We would also like to wish Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating over the holiday period. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break.

Half term

The school breaks up for half term on **Friday 22nd May**. All students return to school on **Monday 1st June**.

There will be programme of interventions running for exam groups during this period with more information provided shortly.

Staff Inset Day

Monday 29th 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

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An active weekend

Well done to the students and staff who ran the Hackney Half Marathon on Sunday, raising funds for TrailFam – and also to the TrailFam race team who ran and volunteered at the Ultra Trail Snowdonia race last weekend.



NFL Flag team

Well done to the Girl's NFL Flag team who competed in the Regionals on Thursday. Thank you to Ms Bal for coaching and organising the team who are new to the sport.



Year 10 Envision programme

It was great to see the Year 10 Envision group practicing their presentation skills by talking about the bake sale that they recently organised as part of their social action project. They spoke eloquently about who they were fundraising for, how their bake sale went and what they could have done even better.

Getting to know Year 6

On Thursday evening we invited Year 6 students, who are joining us in Year 7, to come in with their parents and carers so we could get to know them before they start in September. It was lovely to meet them and we look forward to seeing them soon.

We wish all our students, families and staff a lovely half-term break.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



Sixth Form News

What a half term it has been!

A huge well done to all of our Year 13 students who have been sitting their examinations. You have approached this period with maturity, professionalism, and real purpose, and it has been fantastic to see the level of engagement in revision sessions and preparation across the year group. A reminder to Year 13 students to make the most of any half term grade booster or intervention sessions your teachers may be running. Keep the momentum going and continue putting the work in, the finish line is now in sight!

Please also keep an eye on Microsoft Teams for announcements from Mr Hibbs regarding the Leavers' Assembly and our Formal Dinner Celebration Evening.

A big reminder to Year 12 students about work experience placements. Please ensure your placements are fully finalised and that all completed forms are handed to Mr Khan by the deadline. Work experience is an incredibly valuable opportunity and an important part of preparing for your next steps

beyond sixth form.

Finally, we hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break. Take some time to recharge, look after yourselves, and come back ready for a strong final stretch to the end of the academic year.

Mark Evison Foundation

We are delighted to share that five of our students have been awarded funding and support from the Mark Evison Foundation for an exciting and demanding expedition challenge this year.

Congratulations to Liam Bright, Tahir Humza Samed, Theo Coulthirst-Loftman, Hieu Nguyen and Anas Knaba in Year 12. The students will undertake a six day hiking and wild camping expedition in the Ben Nevis and Fort William area of Scotland. The challenge will test their resilience, teamwork, independence and determination as they navigate and camp in one of the UK's most dramatic landscapes.

The Mark Evison Foundation supports young people in creating and completing ambitious personal challenges outside of their comfort zones, helping to develop confidence, leadership and perseverance through real world experiences. The charity was established in memory of Lieutenant Mark Evison and has supported thousands of young people across the UK in undertaking inspiring projects and expeditions. We are incredibly proud of the students for securing this award and look forward to hearing about their adventure on their return.

Science Club

This week science club enjoyed methane bubbles. By bubbling methane into a special bubble mixture the flammable gas gets trapped, making the bubble flammable. Methane is lighter - than air because of this density difference, methane naturally rises meaning the students learnt how to safely set the floating bubbles alight. Please note: This experiment can not be done at home - only in a science lab.



Photo by Jaineel Patel, Year 7



Training for DofE Bronze

On Tuesday, 22 of our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students attended a training day at Urban Base Adventure Centre as preparation for their upcoming Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Throughout the day, students developed a range of important expedition skills, including navigation and map reading techniques, learning how to safely use outdoor cooking equipment and practising how to pitch tents efficiently as a team. The training gave students valuable hands on experience and helped build their confidence ahead of the assessed expedition.

At the end of June, students will take part in a two day expedition where they will be assessed as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The expedition will challenge students to demonstrate teamwork, resilience, independence and problem-solving skills in an outdoor environment. Well done to all students involved for their enthusiasm and excellent participation throughout the training day. We wish them the best of luck for their expedition next month.



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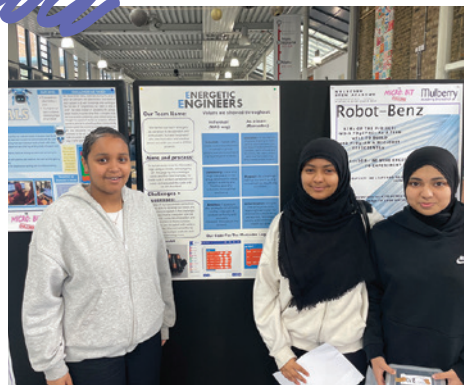
MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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Robotics competition

The Y10 STEM Academy students from across the Trust came to Mulberry Academy Shoreditch on Saturday for the final stage of their robotics competition. Students have been working for the past half term to build, program, test and debug their MicroBit robots. Students were tasked with drawing as perfect a circle as possible (easier said than done!) and drawing any shape to impress us - the winning group drew a perfect 5 point star on their first attempt!

To showcase their work, students also made a university-style poster, which they presented to a panel on Saturday. We were especially impressed by the level of the posters made this year!



TRAILFAM

For the 5th year running, students from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch represented the TrailFam race team in north Wales at Ultra Trail Snowdonia by UTMB. Our team were fantastic, firstly coordinating and racing the youth race and then volunteering at multiple aid stations along the 50km, 100km and 100 mile routes. The event was topped off by seeing Mr Ahmed power to an excellent finish in the 25km race. What an incredible event made all the more special by our young people! And as if Snowdonia wasn't enough for one weekend, TrailFam shone at the Hackney Half! Well done to all our runners, including both 6th form students and MAS alumni... and a few of our extraordinary staff too!



Smashed it!

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

The 'root' is the basic part of a word that has meaning and can have a 'prefix' or 'suffix' added to it.

bio

= life

Wow!

EXAMPLES

- Biologist** A biologist is someone who studies living things.
- Biodiversity** Biodiversity is the variety of life found on Earth (plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms).
- Biography** A biography is a written description of a person's life.

NFL Flag team success

A huge well done to the Girl's NFL Flag team who came 8th in Regional's on Thursday, competing against the top 15 schools in the U15 Girl's category. Despite being the only school who is this new to the sport, the girls showed they were able to hold their own. The girl's won their first game 14-0 and made their way to the quarter finals. Next year, our aim is top 4!

Scarlett and Siata got voted as MVP by their opponents in all their games, with Scarlett making a great interception and running the length of the pitch to score.

Nicoletta and Hadiyah made great captains. Both were able to keep the team motivated even in moments where player became very deflated. A few referees also praised Hadiyah.

Suraiya played competitively for the first time and made some great defensive plays.

Zulaika was able to make some good runs and make space.

Marwa played the most minutes in both offensive and defensive positions.

Aaliya, despite some questionable moments was able to compose herself and made an impact in the offensive half.



Careers in focus

Year 9 students have been working with Into University this week, in three 'Careers in Focus' workshops that introduced them to different career options. The sessions offered students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the working world and gain knowledge of the skills and qualifications they need to pursue their ambitions.



Networking at a Trust event

Two of our Year 12 students, Nicholas Ganz and Khadija Sharif recently attended a special networking event at Mulberry London Dock School hosted by the Mulberry Schools Trust.



The event brought together approximately 50 governors, trustees, principals, headteachers and senior leaders from across the trust, providing students with a unique opportunity to meet and engage with educational professionals from a wide range of backgrounds.

A key feature of the afternoon was a speed networking activity, where students rotated around the room speaking with different members of the Trust. Through these conversations, students were able to share their experiences of school life, discuss their aspirations, and gain insight into the important work carried out by leaders across the trust. The event provided an excellent opportunity for students to further develop their communication, confidence and networking skills in a professional setting. It was also a valuable chance for them to represent the school and speak positively about their experiences and achievements. Although the event lasted just one hour, it proved to be an inspiring and rewarding experience for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of how professionally and confidently our students represented the school throughout the afternoon.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

If $(a \times b = 2)$, $(b \times c = 24)$, $(c \times a = 3)$ and (a, b) and c are all positive, what is the value of $(a+b+c)$?

ANSWER: 10.5

From the three equations we see that $(abc)^2 = 2 \times 24 \times 3 = 144$ and so, since abc is positive, $abc = 12$. Then the third equation tells us that $a = \frac{1}{2}$, the second that $b = 4$ and the first that $c = 6$. Therefore $a + b + c = 10\frac{1}{2}$.

Supporting your child to stay safe online

Deleting content does not always remove it

Even if a post or message is deleted, copies may already exist through screenshots or downloads. For example, an image sent privately can be saved and reshared without permission.

This can lead to ongoing issues even after a child tries to correct a mistake.

What parents can do: Reassure your child that mistakes can be managed, but emphasise the importance of thinking before sharing.

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