

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Families,

Examinations are still continuing across the school, and we would like to commend all students for the mature and focused approach they have shown throughout this demanding period.

On Wednesday a group of our students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the “Made in the East End” poetry event held at Oxford House in Bethnal Green. The event celebrated creativity, identity, culture, and the voices of young people across East London. Our students performed a range of powerful and thoughtful pieces in front of an audience of peers, staff, and members of the local community.

This week also saw students in Years 10 and 12 continue their participation in the Envision mentoring programme, working alongside mentors to develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.

On Thursday the Heads of House hosted the annual House Awards celebration. This was a fantastic event celebrating our amazing students and their contributions to the house system and to the school more widely. The evening was a brilliant example of students living out our values of ambition, inclusion and community at all levels in the school.

### **Half term**

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

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

### **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



As always it was lovely to listen to the choir practicing their singing in the Street on Wednesday.

### Drop Down Day

On Thursday the whole school took part in a drop morning focused on different aspects of health and wellbeing, from healthy diets to stress management and performing CPR to music. Thank you to Ms James for organising the morning.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

### Athletics winners

Congratulations to the winners of the boys Tower Hamlets Athletics Tournament! What a fantastic achievement.

### MAS Societies

Well done to Year 9 students who went to Oxford House on Wednesday for the launch of poetry anthology, Made in the East End. Thank you to Ms Newton and Mr Mickelburgh for organising the trip.



### The House Awards Event

A big thank you to the House team for organising the wonderful House Awards on Thursday. It was fantastic to see students rewarded for their contribution to their Houses and to listen to our House Leaders, musicians and Proud To Be poets. Thank you to all the families who were a brilliant audience and to the kitchen team for delicious food and refreshments!

Mrs Ruth Holden,  
Executive Principal

Ms Melissa Gibson,  
Principal

## Sixth Form News

What a busy week, and well done to everyone for starting their exams. It has been brilliant and very rewarding to see Year 13 students staying behind after school, teaching each other, sharing ideas, using flashcards, mini whiteboards, and all things revision to help each other prepare for their exams. Well done. A reminder that school is open from 7:00am-7:30pm should you wish to use this space to revise. Please let the Sixth Form team know if you would like to stay behind so that we can arrange supervision. Well done to students sitting GCSE Maths on Thursday. The attendance was excellent, and we hope to see your hard work pay off! Well done to Year 12 students who attended their Envision project and were crowned winners - more to follow. Well done to students for their entries and proposals to the Social Action Project. Some brilliant ideas have been

shared, and I hope to see these implemented soon. A reminder that all students should be using the Sixth Form garden and playground at break and lunchtime. Phones can be used in this space, but should not be used after leaving the alleyway near the portacabins. It is so important that students follow this instruction. Good luck for exams next week. We are always here to listen and support you every day. Remember: "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." - Robert Collier.



Year 12 students at the M&G Skills for Life programme

**Mulberry Academy Shoreditch** **Sestriere, Italy**  
**SKI TRIP 2027**  
**10TH-16TH JANUARY 2027**

**COST £750**  
payment plans are available

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-10 AND YEAR 12**

**THE COST INCLUDES**

- Return ferry crossing
- Return executive coach travel
- 5 nights full board accommodation
- 4 days ski pass
- 4 days ski lessons (5 hours per day)
- Equipment hire including skis, ski boots and a helmet
- Active representative
- Full evening activities including quiz, games and pizza night
- Full comprehensive insurance

ARE YOU INTERESTED?  
PLEASE SPEAK TO MR ROBERTSHAW

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

The trip is organised by **activ school tours**

# HOUSE

## AWARDS 2026

Some moments from the fantastic House Awards on Thursday!  
Thank you to all the students who make the Houses so amazing!



## Societies: Made in the East End

On Wednesday, over forty Year 9 Societies students attended Oxford House for the official launch of their Anthology. A number of students performed their poems, to a standing ovation, before receiving a published copy of their work and a certificate of their achievements. The poems were beautifully written, reflecting their experiences of growing up in the East End and what it means to them and their families.



# MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX



## The Greenpower season begins at Lotus Hethel

Our new cohort of Year 12 students went to Lotus Hethel test track for their season opening Greenpower race. At times it was very windy and they hid in the minibus, but other than that they enjoyed the day. Two drivers went out for practice and did well. For the actual race it was a slow start, however, the driver quickly picked up speed and got into the swing of racing. The team finished sixth in their category and tenth overall. We're looking forward to our next race at the prestigious Goodwood race track on 24th May. They will be joined by our Year 9 and 10 students.



## Year 9 car build

Year 9 Mulberry STEM Academy students build their Greenpower car in preparation for their first ever race next weekend! Good luck to the team!



## Work Experience at Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix



From Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th of May, seven Year 12 STEM students stayed over in Brackley to complete work experience at the Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 team factory. During the week, they experienced work in several different sectors. This includes welding, IT, aerodynamics and many more. The students were also very lucky as they were able to have a Q&A session with Toto Wolff, the Principal of the Mercedes F1 team.



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### 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.

# bene

WOW!

= well/good

EXAMPLES

- Benevolent** - Benevolent means 'kind'. E.g. the girl was benevolent, she helped the boy after he'd fallen.
- Beneficial** - Beneficial means 'useful, helpful' or 'good'. E.g. The insect is beneficial to the plant.
- Beneign** - Benign means 'pleasant' and 'not harmful'. E.g. The benign nurse helped the child.

# TRAILFAM

Well done to all our runners who took part in Black to the Trails 2025 at Dunstable Downs on Sunday 11th May. Good luck to members of MAS staff and TrailFam Community that are running the Hackney Half Marathon this weekend to raise money for TrailFam!



On Friday, Year 10 GCSE PE students enjoyed a reward trip to Nando's.

## 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.

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

I choose four different integers. When I add all the pairs of these numbers in turn, the totals that I obtain are 23, 26, 29, 32 and 35, with one of these totals being repeated.

What is the largest of the four integers?

### ANSWER: 19

Let the four different integers, in ascending order, be  $p, q, r, s$ . Then  $p < q < r < s$ .  
 So  $p+q < p+r < p+s < q+s < r+s$  and  $p+q < p+r < q+r < q+s < r+s$ .  
 Each of these strings of inequalities gives five different values for sums of pairs. So each is the string of five values given in the question: namely  $23 < 26 < 29 < 32 < 35$ . Hence it may be deduced that  $p+q = 23$ ;  $p+r = 26$ ;  $p+s = q+r = 29$ ;  $q+s = 32$ ;  $r+s = 35$ .  
 Therefore  $s-r = (p+s) - (p+r) = 29 - 26 = 3$ . So  $(r+s) + (s-r) = 35 + 3 = 38$ .  
 Hence  $2s = 38$  and the largest of the four integers is 19.

(It is left as an exercise for the reader to calculate the values of the other three integers and to check that, when added in pairs, the four integers give the sums stated in the question.)

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO stay safe online

### online actions can have longer-term consequences

What is posted online can be seen by future schools, employers or wider audiences. For example, posts, comments or usernames may still be visible years later, even if accounts have changed. This can affect opportunities later, even if the content was shared at a young age.

**What parents can do:** Help your child think about the kind of online reputation they want to build over time.

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