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Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a restful time off. Following the half term-break, students and staff have returned back into the busy examination season, with GCSE and A Level exam continuing throughout the week. Despite the demands of the examination timetable, students have approached each day with resilience and a positive attitude, demonstrating the hard work and preparation that has taken place over many months.

This week also saw a group of our Year 7 students return from an unforgettable visit to Plas y Brenin in Wales. Over the course of the week, students took part in a wide range of outdoor adventure activities, challenging themselves both physically and mentally. Alongside the residential to Wales, a group of our Year 10 students were also embracing the outdoors as they completed their three-day Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practise Expedition. The expedition challenged students to navigate independently, carrying their own equipment and camp overnight requiring perseverance, teamwork and determination throughout.

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. Please note the deadline for this opportunity is **on Monday 8th June 2026 at 5.00pm**. 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>

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

The week outdoors

The first week of the new half term has been full of activity and adventure with a group of Year 7s spending the week at Plas Y Brenin Outdoor Centre in Wales and the Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver practice expedition.

Summer Exams

Wishing our Year 11 and Year 13 students every success in the last two weeks of their exams - keep going, keep revising - you've got this!

Primary school sessions

Thank you to Mr De Souza for running the Primary School design technology sessions. We really enjoy



having students from our local primary schools coming in for these sessions.

Careers focus

Thank you to Mr Khan for organising a really fantastic range of opportunities for our students, across all year groups, to experience and learn the skills that they need to make choices about their future education and careers by working with professionals and organisations in different sectors.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If you're looking for a Secondary school for your child in September 2027, come along and visit our amazing school.

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th September

Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd September

Monday 28th September to Wednesday 30th September

Please arrive at 9.15am

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October
4.00pm to 6.00pm

OPEN SATURDAY

Saturday 10th October
Please arrive at 9.15am

Sixth Form News

Well done again this week to all Year 13 students sitting their exams. It has been a busy week, with a large number of exams taking place and some students beginning to complete their qualifications.

A reminder to all students to please return any textbooks, folders and other learning resources to your teachers so that they can be used by future students.

There is also still time to cast your vote in Mr Hibbs' Student Awards.

Make sure you submit your nominations and recognise those students who have made a positive contribution to MAS, demonstrated outstanding effort, or supported others throughout the year!

As we move towards the final weeks of term, please continue to attend all lessons and revision sessions, check your exam timetables carefully, and speak to staff if you need any support. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, dedication and maturity

that our Year 13 students have shown throughout the exam season and wish everyone the very best of luck with their remaining assessments!

SIXTH FORM OPEN MORNING SATURDAY 20TH JUNE
9.00am-10.00am

Mobile Phones and Headphones

can only be used in Independent Study, the Sixth Form Playground and on the Roof

NO PHONE ZONE

If they are seen anywhere else they will be confiscated

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HOUSE EVENTS SUMMER TERM

Thursday 4th June Sixth Form Eid Party

Friday 19th June Lunch Time Movie

Wednesday 8th July HOUSE REWARDS TRIP!

Wednesday 15th July Whole School Sports Day!

Friday 17th July Culture Day

Help your House get the most points to win the coveted House Cup!

Speak to the House Team or a student House Leader for more information.

COME AND JOIN IN... TIME TO HAVE FUN!

Sustainable London day

On Tuesday a group of Year 10 students spent the day working on a programme with Motivez, called Sustainable London, to develop innovative STEM-based solutions to local sustainability and climate issues. Students worked in groups to develop their ideas, building their critical thinking, teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills and pitched their solutions to a panel of judges who evaluated their understanding of the problem, research, innovation, creativity, confidence, and presentation style.



Year 9 Changemakers Challenge

On Monday a group of Year 9 students went to the University of Westminster to take part in the Changemakers Challenge with Unloc. Working in teams along with mentors, they designed creative business or charity concepts, completed challenges, and end the session by pitching their ideas to business professionals. The workshop helped students develop the key skills of entrepreneurship as well as skills and confidence in leadership, teamwork and resilience.



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summer 2 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

We are excited to announce our Summer 2 Attendance Challenge for students in Years 7-10 for this half term.

Aim
To promote excellent attendance and punctuality across the school.

Rewards:
Pizza party for students achieving 100% attendance
Entry into a prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher every Friday in the library

Throughout the challenge, attendance updates and tutor group performance will be shared in assemblies and tutor time to encourage positive competition and celebrate success.

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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.

graph

= written/drawn

EXAMPLES

- Calligraphy** Decorative handwriting.
- Choreograph** If you choreograph a dance, you plan and write down all of the moves.
- Topography** Topography is the description of the features of land surfaces



Hi, my name is Rachel and my job is to hear from all children and young people in England.

As the Children's Commissioner I've launched this survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. I will take your views to the Government, to help them make life better for children.

Everything you tell me will be kept private. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. There are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly! To find out more, visit my website.

Take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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Castle Combe race

The Year 12 Greepower team raced at a purpose built race track near Chippenham during the half term holiday. The weather was perfect for racing. We were positioned in the middle of the grid - the start wasn't perfect but we made some ground and raced seventh for the first few laps, gradually making our way up the field to finish fourth in our kit category and finished 15th overall - with our best time of 4 minutes and 4 seconds at lap 5 of 12. Well done to the team who are looking forward to racing again in September.



Science Club

Science club conducted an experiment on mini volcanos. A mini volcano experiment is a classic, safe chemistry demonstration using an acid and a carbonate. When combined, the acid and carbonate react to create carbon dioxide gas, rapidly expanding and pushing out a bubbly, foamy "lava". The students were given a range of solids and solutions to test which combination gave the best and most exciting lava.



London Girl Tech

On Thursday, a group of Year 7 girls went to the University of Westminster to attend an Ahead Partnership London Girl Tech experience day. At the event our students had the chance to work with female professionals, and local tech firms (like Netcompany) to solve real-world challenges and they also learned about different careers in tech.



St Lukes DT

Year 5 and 6 students from St Lukes Primary School have been coming in to do design technology sessions with Mr De Souza. They designed and made keyrings, learning to use tools, such as the scroll saw and vice, safely to cut out perspex shapes. All students were enthusiastic and very creative and we look forward to welcoming them again soon.



Strengthening Our Phone-Free Environment



What is changing?

Our current "Not Seen, Not Heard" approach has had a positive impact across the school. To build on this success, we are strengthening expectations so that mobile phones remain:

***out of sight** at all times from arrival until leaving the school site
Including before school, break/lunch, and after 3:30pm while still on site



Staff will continue to monitor this across the school site before, during, and after the school day

***out of sight means out of sight for the entire time you are on the school site.**

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.



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AND YEAR 12

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- 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
- Activ4 representative
- Full evening activities including quiz, games and pizza night
- Full comprehensive insurance

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



The trip is
organised by
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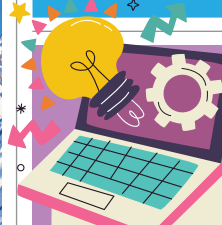
MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Adam, Bill and Chris went swimming 15 times last summer. Adam paid for everyone eight times and Bill paid for everyone seven times. At the end of the summer, Chris calculated that he owed £30. How should he split this between Adam and Bill so that each has paid the same amount?

ANSWER: £18 to Adam, £12 to Bill

If each person paid their fair share, each would have paid five times. Therefore Adam has paid on an extra three occasions and Bill has paid on an extra two occasions. Hence the £30 Chris owes should be divided in the ratio 3:2. Therefore Adam should get $\frac{3}{5} \times £30 = £18$ and Bill should get $\frac{2}{5} \times £30 = £12$.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO
stay safe online

HOW TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S SCREEN TIME

Many parents are surprised by how much time children spend on their phones each day. Many students have reported screen times of 8-10 hours per day or more outside of school learning. This is highest during half terms and on the weekends.

A large amount of this time is spent on apps with endless scrolling, short videos, messaging or gaming, which can make it difficult for children to switch off. Looking at screen time together can be a really useful starting point for conversations at home.

What parents can do: Use screen time information as a conversation starter. Looking at which apps take up the most time can help families agree healthy routines together.

How to check screen time:

Apple (iPhone/iPad)

- Settings>Screen Time
- Total daily screen time
- Most used apps
- Pick-ups (how often the phone is checked)
- Notifications received

Android

- Settings > Digital Wellbeing & parental controls
- Daily screen time
- Time spent on each app
- Number of unlocks
- Notifications received

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