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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students on the resilience, determination and maturity they have shown throughout the examination period. After months of preparation and hard work, the final stretch is now in sight, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment they have demonstrated during this important period.

Year 12 students will begin their end-of-year examinations next week. We encourage Year 12 to approach the coming weeks with confidence, maintain healthy routines and trust in the preparation they have undertaken.

This week has also provided our students with a wonderful range of enrichment opportunities. Our year 10 students enjoyed a field trip to Canary Wharf. Students also had the opportunity to visit Strawberry Hill House, one of Britain's most distinctive historic landmarks. Finally, we look forward to welcoming back students from our annual week-long trip to Barcelona.

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

Year 10 Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 3.45pm.**

### **Celebration Exhibition of GCSE Art**

We will be holding an exhibition showcasing all the amazing GCSE Art work our Year 11's Created on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.**

### **Sixth Form Open Morning**

We will be holding a Sixth Form Open Morning on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.**

### **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

### Attendance and Behaviour Hub

We were pleased to welcome visitors from the Department for Education and senior leaders from local schools to an Open Morning on Tuesday as part of our work as an Attendance and Behaviour Hub.



### Year 10 winners

Congratulations to our Year 10 football team on their 10-8 win vs Bow school - a great result for their last ever game together!

### Primary Schools

Thank you to Mr De Souza and Ms Kilmanaite for running design and technology and art classes for students from our local primary



schools. This week, a lovely group of Year 5s from Chisenhale Primary School made some very creative ceramic birds.

**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

### Year 12 Begin 'Track to the Future' Programme

This week also marked the start of the first workshop in the three-part Track to the Future programme for Year 12 students. Delivered in partnership with The Talent Foundry and Network Rail, the programme aims to develop students' employability skills while introducing them to careers within the rail and infrastructure sectors.

During the opening session, students participated in a range of activities focused on teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. The workshop offered valuable insight into the future of transport and the diverse opportunities available within the industry.

With two workshops still to come, students are looking forward to continuing their learning journey and



developing skills that will support their future education and career ambitions. It has been a week full of achievement, inspiration, and new experiences, and we congratulate all the students involved for representing the school so positively.



As part of our Sixth Form enrichment programme, a group of Year 12 students took part in an engaging martial arts session on Wednesday. Students were introduced to a range of techniques while learning about the importance of discipline, focus, respect and self-confidence. The session provided a fantastic opportunity to develop physical fitness, resilience and teamwork skills in a fun and supportive environment.

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

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Contentious** Wow!

Adjective

**DEFINITION**  
Causing or likely to cause an argument

**EXAMPLE**  
1. The author wrote a contentious novel which caused a great deal of unrest.  
2. I try to avoid contentious topics of conversation which might lead to arguments.  
3. While my grandfather was adored by many people, quite a few others found him to be a contentious man.

**SYNONYMS**  
Argumentative, Factious, Antagonistic, Bickering.

**ANTONYMS**  
Agreeable.

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
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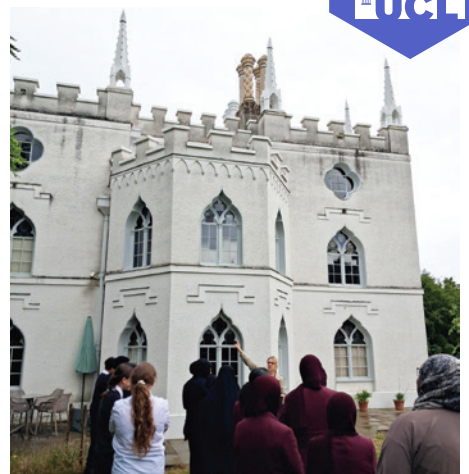
# Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Last week, a group of our Year 10 students took part in their three day, two night practice expedition in Epping Forest as part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The expedition provided an opportunity for students to develop their navigation, teamwork and camping skills in preparation for the next stage of the award. We look forward to supporting them on their assessed expedition in the South Downs later this term.



# Societies at Strawberry Hill House

The English and the Arts society visited Strawberry Hill House on Monday this week to learn more about Horace Walpole and Gothic Literature. We had an amazing time touring the building, learning more about Walpole's life and we even got the chance to design our own Gothic comic strips!



# Year 12 Eid Party

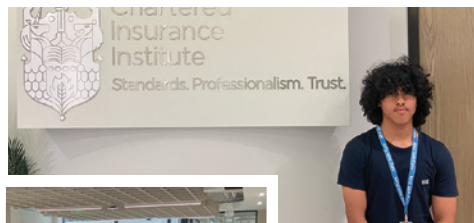
Our brilliant Year 12 student leaders put on a fantastic Eid celebration on Thursday enjoyed by over 30 students and staff. There was a fun Kahoot quiz, lovely decorations, and the food was incredible - brilliantly served by students. Well done to all involved!



# Year 12 visit the Chartered Insurance Institute



Last month, two Year 10 students were awarded special certificates during assembly and received the prize of attending a basketball final at the O2 Arena to watch the London Lions. Both students were invited to bring a family member to share in this special experience. The students were delighted with the opportunity, and their family members thoroughly enjoyed the event as well. Congratulations to both students on this well-deserved achievement.



Earlier this week, Year 12 students visited the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), where they gained valuable insight into the insurance and financial services industry. Through interactive sessions and discussions with industry professionals, students explored the wide range of career opportunities available within the sector and learned about the skills employers are looking for in the workplace.

The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of potential career pathways and gain first-hand experience of a professional working environment.

# Plas Y Brenin Adventures in Wales

A group of adventurous Year 7 students had a fantastic time last week at Plas Y Brenin Outdoor Centre in Wales. Their active week involved hiking, caving and climbing – what a courageous and resilient bunch they were. Here are a few moments from their trip.



## Year 10 Envision win

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our Year 10 students, who were announced as winners of the Envision Programme this week. Throughout the programme, students worked together to develop and deliver a social action project designed to make a positive impact within the community. Their creativity, teamwork, and dedication impressed the judges, and winning the programme is a well-deserved recognition of their efforts. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and the positive difference they have made.



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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



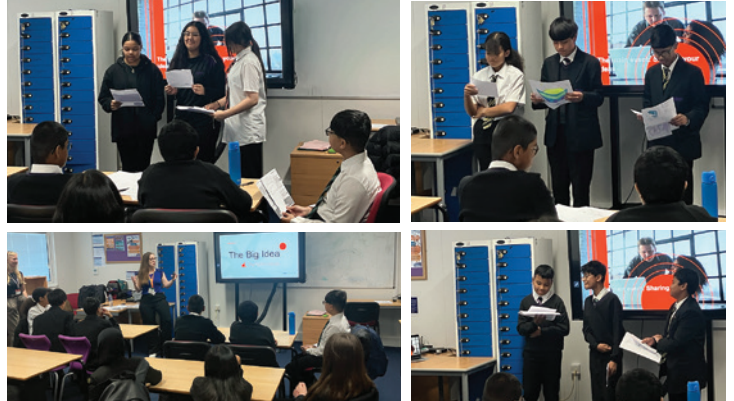
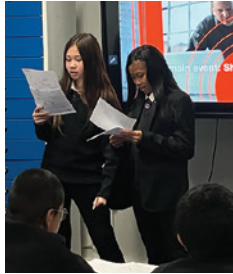
Entry into a prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher every Friday in the library

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

# The Big Idea

On Monday, Year 7 students took part in an exciting workshop run by Dell and the Talent Foundry. Students came up with a unique product and practiced their pitching skills. Working with Dell professionals, they had the opportunity to act as a brand-new social enterprise company seeking funding to tackle current social issues by creating an innovative solution.

This workshop gave students the chance to learn how technology can be used to make the world a better and more sustainable place, whilst also gaining meaningful work experience. They learned about global and local social issues, were introduced to business, marketing and communications and developed some key skills, including creativity, problem solving and out-of-the-box thinking, to respond to real world briefs.



## THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

Have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. Help the Government make life better for children.

Everything you say 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!

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# SKI TRIP 2027

**10TH-16TH JANUARY 2027**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED? PLEASE SPEAK TO MR ROBERTSHAW**

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

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

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

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

In a pirate's trunk there are 5 chests. In each chest there are 4 boxes and in each box there are 10 gold coins. The trunk, the chests and the boxes are all locked. Blind Pew unlocks 9 locks and takes all the coins in all the boxes he unlocks.

What is the smallest number of gold coins he could take?

**ANSWER: 30**

To obtain the smallest number of gold coins, the least possible number of boxes must be opened. Therefore, Blind Pew must open the trunk and all five chests, leaving only three boxes to be opened. Hence the smallest number of gold coins he could take is  $3 \times 10 = 30$ .



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

### Late-Night Phone Use and sleep

Scrolling, gaming or messaging late into the evening can make it harder for children to fall asleep and stay asleep.

Many students report checking notifications during the night or using phones as soon as they wake up. Even short interruptions to sleep can affect concentration, mood and energy levels the next day at school.

**What parents can do:** Consider having a regular routine where phones are charged outside bedrooms overnight.

**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](mailto:lgillott@mulberryschoolstrust.org))**