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Thursday 2nd July 2026

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to our Year 9 students who have returned from the Societies Water Sports Trip to Costa Brava, Spain. The trip was a huge success, providing students with an unforgettable week filled with exciting activities.

This week many of our Year 12 students have been taking part in their Work Experience placements, gaining valuable insight into a wide range of industries and professions.

Today we had a number of students from our local primaries in visiting the school. Year 5 students from William Davies took part in some brilliant drama sessions. Students from St Luke's, St Monica's and Christ Church Primary School came into school for an Open Morning. It was lovely to meet these families and talk to them about school life at MAS. It has been great showing round prospective students and families in this way. We would encourage families to get in touch with the school to find out about our open events or to arrange a tour should they wish to visit the school.

Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 3rd July is Year 6 Transition Day, students will arrive at 8.45am. Year 7 – 10 will be out on trips that day.

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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MAS
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A Year of Societies

On Thursday, students from MAS, Mulberry School for Girls, Woodside and Stepney Green, came to celebrate the end of this year of Societies and the beginning of the next exciting year of trips, activities and talks for Year 9. Thank you to all staff involved and to Trust CEO, Ms Ward for coming along to speak to the students.

Drop Day

On Wednesday the whole school had a drop morning, with different learning activities across the year groups. The science team ran Rocket sessions with Year 7 – students were fully engaged, excited, and inspired from start to finish.



This is what students had to say about the day:

"launching the rockets in the competition was so much fun. It was definitely the best part of my day." Year 7

"I learned useful First Aid skills and now I know what to do if someone has an allergic reaction." Year 8

"I really liked that Mr Chu didn't just tell us about dental health, he had real conversations with us and even showed us real evidence of what happens if we do not take care of our teeth." Year 8

Thank you to Ms James for organising the day.

Primary Schools

On Thursday we held an Open Morning for Year 5s at St Luke's and

Christ Church Primary Schools and we also welcomed students from William Davies for a Drama Session.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal

Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal

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

OPEN MORNINGS

Mon 14th to Wed 16th Sept

Mon 21st to Wed 23rd Sept

Mon 28th to Wed 30th Sept

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

Our Year 12 students have been taking part in work experience across a wide range of exciting and ambitious placements, gaining valuable insight into the world of work and representing the school brilliantly.

Students have had the opportunity to experience a broad range of sectors, including finance, law, healthcare, education, construction, technology, insurance, the arts, retail, transport, sport, childcare, charity work and public services. Placements have included organisations such as Mace Dragados, Allianz Trade, Credit Agricole, KPMG, WTW, WIPRO IT Services, UCL, the Royal London Hospital, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Health Sciences University, and the British Army.

It has been wonderful to hear such positive feedback from employers and placement providers. During one visit, Rushda was described in glowing terms by staff, who were hugely complimentary about her

attitude and contribution. She was clearly very happy in her placement, and it was brilliant to see her engaging so maturely and confidently. Her attitude, professionalism and maturity were incredibly impressive, and it was an absolute pleasure to visit her!

We also visited students working at WTW in the City, where the contact was extremely positive about their conduct. The students were also very pleased with their experience so far, showing real enthusiasm for the opportunity and making the most of their time in a professional environment!

Throughout the week, our students have demonstrated confidence, maturity and ambition. They have shown that they can adapt to new environments, communicate with professionals, ask thoughtful questions and learn from real workplace experiences.

We are incredibly proud of Year 12 and grateful to all the employers, organisations and staff who have

supported them. The feedback has been excellent, and our students have been a real credit to the school.

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Don't Miss the

SIXTH FORM

Welcome FAIR

TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026

10:00AM-1:00PM

Subject taster activities
MAS6 Quiz Show
Chat with our students
Ask a teacher
Lunch and refreshments provided

AT MULBERRY ACADEMY SHOREDITCH . GOSSET STREET . E2 6NW

Costa Brava Water sports Adventure

Last week, 44 students and 5 members of staff from across the Mulberry Schools Trust travelled to the beautiful Costa Brava for an unforgettable week of water sports, adventure and personal development.

Throughout the week, students took part in a range of exciting activities, including sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and paddleboarding. For many, these were completely new experiences, and it was fantastic to see them embrace every challenge with determination, resilience and enthusiasm.

Away from the water, students enjoyed time on the beach, a visit to a local water park and opportunities to explore the stunning Catalan coastline. The residential also gave students from different Mulberry schools the chance to build new friendships, work together and support one another throughout

the week.

The trip provided countless opportunities for students to develop their confidence, independence and teamwork. It was particularly pleasing to see many students encouraging one another to try new activities and celebrating each other's achievements.

A huge thank you goes to the five members of staff whose dedication and support made the trip such a success. Their commitment ensured that every student had a safe, enjoyable and rewarding experience. The Costa Brava Water sports Trip was another fantastic example of the enriching opportunities available through the Mulberry Schools Trust, giving students experiences beyond the classroom that will remain with them long after the trip has ended.



Stemettes workshop

A group of year 8s were selected by their science teachers, due to their fantastic attitude in science, to attend a Stemettes networking workshop. Stemettes is a company that aims to inspire and support girls, young women and non-binary young people in STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The girls worked so hard and had a fantastic day making and presenting an animated video about an app they had designed - well done girls.



Societies celebration

On Thursday, we invited the schools involved in the Societies Programme to a celebration event - to mark the end of a fantastic year for our current Year 9 cohort and to welcome the new Year 8 students and introduce them to their year ahead, when they will have lots of amazing opportunities to go on trips (including a trip to Athens in October), to listen to visiting speakers and to get involved in all the fantastic events and activities that Societies offers. The current cohort have enjoyed trips to Chelsea Football Club, the London Assembly, museums and galleries and a watersports adventure in Spain. They've listened to visiting speakers and visited universities and lots more.



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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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WORD OF THE WEEK

Misanthropic

Adjective

DEFINITION
Not liking and avoiding other people

EXAMPLE
1. Some people are so cynical and misanthropic that they despise nearly every other person alive.
2. The bearers of a misanthropic ideology remain a threat to our society.
3. Is Scrooge really the cold-hearted misanthropic miser most of us believe him to be?

SYNONYMS
Antisocial, Unsociable, Unfriendly.

ANTONYMS
Humanitarian, Philanthropic, Sociable.

CHARACTERISTICS
First recorded in 1755-65; misanthrope + -ic

Ninja Warrior Adventures

The Inclusion department enjoyed a high thrills trip to Ninja Warrior Adventure Park on Wednesday. The students got to test out their ninja skills while balancing, climbing and swinging across obstacles. We also all enjoyed competitive bouncing races on the massive inflatable. Everyone was up for a challenge and we had a blast - we have some future ninja warriors here at MAS for sure!



On Tuesday, students ran a Bake Sale to support this year's Global Girl Leading fundraiser. The money raised will go towards enabling students from Lenana Girls High School in Kenya to attend this year's Global Girl Leading Summit in London. Thank you to Ms Taylor and Ms Zanat for helping to organise this.



Phoenix visit

On Tuesday this week, Miss Sandy took four students to Phoenix School, for a morning tea for Female and Non-Binary Students with Autism. We heard an inspiring and affirming speech from a female neurodiverse SenCo, planted sunflowers, relaxed in the beautiful Phoenix garden, and enjoyed drinks and biscuits. Thank you so much to Phoenix for hosting these wonderful mornings, we are already looking forward to the next one!



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

A four-digit number was written on a piece of paper.

8 6 ■ ■

The last two digits were then blotted out (as shown). If the complete number is exactly divisible by three, by four, and by five, what is the sum of the two missing digits?

ANSWER: 4

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Sestriere, Italy
SKI TRIP 2027
10TH-16TH JANUARY 2027

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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 **activ4 school tours**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO stay safe online

HOW SCREEN TIME CAN Affect concentration

Switching constantly between apps, videos and notifications can make it harder to focus on homework, reading and conversations.

Some pupils describe finding schoolwork "boring" compared to fast-paced content and short videos. Constant stimulation can make it harder for children to settle into quieter activities.

What parents can do: Encourage regular screen-free time during the evening, especially during homework, revision or family time.

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)