

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, it is an opportunity to reflect on everything that has been achieved over the past twelve months. This year has been filled with hard work, resilience, determination and countless moments of success.

On Monday, our incredibly talented Music and Drama students took to the stage to perform 'Honk'. It was a truly spectacular production that showcased the creativity and confidence of our young performers.

On Wednesday, students from Years 7-10 enjoyed an exciting and action-packed Sports Day at Mile End Stadium, while our Year 12 students took part in their own Sports Day activities here at school. The atmosphere for both locations was fantastic, with students cheering on their peers and celebrating each other's achievements.

On Thursday, our school was filled with colour, culture and community spirit as students came together for our fantastic Culture Day Bake Sale. Students proudly baked, shared and sold a wonderful selection of sweet and savoury treats inspired by cultures from around the world.

Today, our school came together to celebrate Culture Day, embracing the rich diversity that makes our community so unique and special. Students proudly wore traditional clothing and attire representing their cultures and heritage, creating a vibrant celebration of identity, inclusion and belonging.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers, students, staff, governors, and the wider school community for your ongoing dedication and support throughout the year. I look forward to continuing to work together next year to provide an exceptional environment for our students. Wishing you all a restful and safe summer break when it arrives.

If you have any safeguarding issues during the summer holidays, please contact childprotection@mulberryacademysoreditch.org. The school office will be open throughout the summer holidays from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

First Week Back

- Tuesday 1st September – Staff Inset (School closed to all students)
- Wednesday 2nd September – Year 7 and Year 12 on site only
- Thursday 3rd September – Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 on site only
- Friday 4th September – all year groups on site

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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Honk! dress rehearsal

Pupils from Virginia Primary School came along to see the dress rehearsal of joyful musical, Honk!, performed by drama and music students. They were a fantastic audience and enjoyed the charming adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's 'Ugly Duckling'. The main performance on Monday evening was also wonderful and attended by lots of prents and staff. Well done to the cast, the musicians and all involved!



MAS and Bexhill Exchange Trip to Hastings Beach

Ms Kilmanaite took a group of students to Hastings on Wednesday for day out with students from Bexhill Academy. They had a lovely day and really enjoyed meeting each other.

Oracy celebration

The English department ran a fantastic oracy celebration on Tuesday at lunchtime! Students were confident and their performances were fantastic! A wonderful way to celebrate all of the work that has gone into developing students' oracy skills this year.

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

Sixth Form Welcome Event

On Tuesday we ran a Welcome Event as an induction to life in MAS Sixth Form. Students came along and joined in quizzes and activities, had lunch and ice cream and listened to lots of information about the different opportunities, support and enrichment they will enjoy during their next two years with us. It was also a great opportunity for them to get to know each other and work together.



HONK!

THE MUSICAL

On Monday evening it was a real treat to watch the Drama and Music Department's performance of Honk!, a really joyful and heartwarming celebration of being different. The cast were brilliant and everyone loved the performance. Well done to everyone who took part. Here are a few moments from the play!



Brilliant Club graduation at UCL

Year 7 students traveled to UCL East in the Olympic park for their graduation from Brilliant club - students enjoyed a tour, to meet student ambassadors and were presented with certificates. Everyone really enjoyed the day - well done Brilliant club



Sports Day '26

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed Sports Day at Mile End where students joined in with a range of different activities. Congratulations to Thames House - the overall winners!



2026 SPORTS DAY RESULTS		
1	THAMES	265 PT
2	BARBICAN	202 PT
3	TRAFALGAR	166 PT
4	TATE	164 PT
5	TOWER	156 PT
6	GLOBE	155 PT



Societies gliding trip

Last Thursday, Year 9 Sports Society students went gliding at the Cambridge Gliding Centre. It was a beautiful day and exhilarating to look down on the expanse of Cambridgeshire countryside from 20,000ft up in the sky. Gliders, use naturally occurring currents of rising air to remain airborne and can fly for hours and travel hundreds of kilometres. Everyone had a go at flying the aircraft and some even did aerobatics. What a fantastic experience. Thank you to Ms Pitts and Ms Armstrong for taking our students on this exciting trip.



Thorpe Park House reward trip

To celebrate an incredible year of hard work and achievement, the house team invited the top 20 students from each House to enjoy an unforgettable reward trip to Thorpe Park. This annual end-of-year event recognises those who have consistently demonstrated the MAS Characteristics through their attitude, effort and commitment to school life. From thrilling rollercoasters to shared laughter with friends, the day was packed with excitement! The trip was a well-deserved reward and a reminder that consistently making positive choices brings exciting opportunities. A huge congratulations to everyone who earned their place on the trip! We are immensely proud of your achievements and look forward to celebrating even more successes next year!

MAS & Bexhill Exchange Trip to Hastings Beach

Thank you to Ms Kilmanaite and Ms Zanat for a lovely day out at Hastings, with students from Mulberry Academy Bexhill and Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. It was a fun and exciting day for everyone on the trip.



Kezieah in 9G was invited to record a reading of her poem 'The Eastenders' for Oxford House's Black History Month project, which aims to showcase the voices of young creatives in the local area. Well done Kezieah - your poem is brilliant and we really look forward to seeing the final video!



The Eastenders

People ask constantly, "where you're from?"
I usually give them the answer "oh, I'm from Ghana, St Lucia, Jamaica and Nigeria".
But ask me on a deeper level and this is what I'll say.
I'm from a place of diversity.
I'm from a place of foodbanks being a necessity.
I'm from a place of buying houses being a distant dream.
I'm from a place of young black boys in more than a group of 3 being labelled "gangs".
I'm from a place of single mothers struggling to feed their children's mouths because some men not being able to shoulder the responsibilities of being a loving father.
"Where are you from?"
"Where I'm from".
From a place of 15 hour screen time daily.
From a place of feeling like someone's watching you constantly.
From a place of people with their trousers falling down, boxers and buttcracks being shown.
From a place where people with slightly more melanin being arrested.
From a place where there's police tape everywhere you go.
From a place of being called every name under the sun.
"Blackie" "Immigrant" "Charcoal" "Anomaly".
From a place of young girls being warned about pervy men from a young age because they're one of the biggest problems today.
"Oi fam, where are you from?"
Place of changing my cornrows every month and a half.
Place of laughs while beating my Mum and sister in Mario Kart.
Place of Christmas cookies being made every December.
Place of ruffling each other's hair every time we see each other, my people, my friends, my family.
Place of ice cream vans playing that familiar jingle we all know so well.
Place of annual Notting Hill Festival.
Place of all-nighters with my friends for 38 hours straight.
Place of Canary Wharf lights beaming into the sky once a year.
Place of jerk chicken, chow mein, fish and chips, Tesco meal deals, Shades Churro's.
Every food you can think of.
So when you ask me where I'm from, for now imma just say "I'm an East Ender!"

Kezieah Williams-Boothe

Mock results day

On Tuesday 14th July Years 10 and 12 received their mock results during a special 'results day' event. It gave them a good indication of their progress towards next years exams and an opportunity to plan for the coming months to make sure they achieve the best they can next summer.



Many apps use streaks, rewards, autoplay and notifications to encourage children to return regularly. Some young people check their phones repeatedly without even realising they are doing it. Features are often designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible. What parents can do: Explore notification settings together and consider turning off non-essential alerts or setting app time limits.

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

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

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

A rectangle is three times as long as it is high. The area of a square is twelve times the area of the rectangle. What is the ratio of the perimeter of the square to the perimeter of the rectangle?
Give your ratio in its simplest form.

ANSWER: 3:1

Let the height of the rectangle be x . Then its length is $3x$ and its area is $3x^2$. So the area of the square is $12 \times 3x^2 = 36x^2$ and hence its side-length is $\sqrt{36x^2} = 6x$. So the perimeter of the rectangle is $2(x + 3x) = 8x$ and the perimeter of the square is $4 \times 6x = 24x$. Therefore the required ratio is $24x : 8x = 3 : 1$.