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Mulberry Academy Shoreditch ThisWeek

Executive Principal and Principal's News

THE MAS WAY — AMBITION · INCLUSION · COMMUNITY

DfE Conference at MAS

On Tuesday 8th September we hosted the Department for Education Regions Group Autumn Term Event. It was a great opportunity to showcase our school and our student ambassadors were brilliant! Thank you to all the students, staff and the catering team, who helped make the conference such a successful event.

MAS loves reading

It's really great to see so many students starting the year by making good use of the library to develop their love of reading. Year 7 students have made a great start by joining this term's Reading Challenge.

Landmark trips

Year 7s enjoyed exploring their fantastic city this morning by visiting their House landmarks. Look out for photos in next week's nesletter.

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

We would love to meet you

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 to all our sixth-form students on making such a positive start to the new academic year. As we move into our first full week, it is important to maintain that momentum. Strong attendance is one of the biggest factors in sixth-form success, as every lesson contains valuable knowledge, guidance and preparation for future assessments. Aim to be in school every day and speak to the pastoral team promptly if there are any issues affecting your attendance.

Punctuality is equally important. Please arrive at school, registration and every lesson on time, fully equipped and ready to learn. Being punctual means that you do not miss important instructions or disrupt the learning of others. Sixth form is about developing independence and preparing for university, apprenticeships and employment, so managing your time effectively is an essential habit. Plan your journey, allow extra time for delays and start each day positively.

Finally, make good use of your independent study time. Find a quiet space, put your phone away and set yourself a clear task for each study period. The work you complete outside lessons will make a significant difference to your progress. Keep up the excellent start, support one another and make this a successful year!

If you're looking for a Sixth Form place in September 2027

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19th November . 4-6pm

Save the date and come along!

MAS hosts DfE Conference

We were delighted to host the Department for Education Regions Group Autumn Term Event here at MAS on Tuesday. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we were very proud of them. They welcomed our guests and spoke eloquently about their school experiences, their dreams and ambitions and their suggestions and wishes for their education. It was also lovely to welcome back our former CEO, Dr Ogden! It was a really successful event – well done to all involved.

St Hilda's Youth Board

Five out of ten of our students who applied have successfully been selected to join the St Hilda's East Youth Board. St Hilda's East is incredibly proud of the students and is delighted to have them on board.

On Tuesday 8th September 2026, the students were introduced to one another and had the opportunity to meet with the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Adviser. They were also given the opportunity to ask questions, share their ideas and make suggestions.

A special well done to:

Nadia Abdi (11F) – Vice Chair
Marwan Benhatta (11C)
Florence Epton (8C)
Aafia Ojoye (8C)
Zakiya Azizah (11A)

This is a fantastic achievement for our students, and we are extremely proud of them for getting involved, representing their community and taking on these important roles.

TRAILFAM Specialist classroom

Our incredible specialist classroom students kicked off their TrailFam outdoor learning journey again this week. Starting from school, the group walked together to Haggerston Park, putting into practice safe walking and road-crossing skills along the way. Our route took us past Hackney City Farm, where there was plenty of interest in the goats and donkeys who were there to say hello, before we made our way to the adventure playground in Haggerston Park. It was a brilliant opportunity to get outside, explore our local community and enjoy learning beyond the classroom, made even better when the sun decided to come out for us!

Year 7 Reading Challenge

Year 7 students have been making the best of the library and submitting their book reviews for the Reading Challenge. We have lots of different books and genres to choose from including a collection of Manga/graphic novels to enjoy – students are welcome to come and borrow them before school, at break, lunch and after school (Monday and Friday lunchtimes are reserved for Year 7 only).

Into University workshops

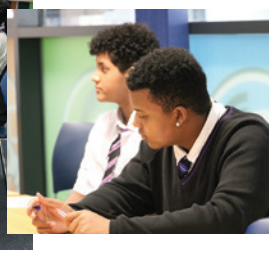
On Tuesday, our Year 13 students took part in a series of 1-to-1 UCAS personal statement sessions delivered in partnership with IntoUniversity.

The sessions gave students the opportunity to receive personalised guidance and constructive feedback on their personal statements, helping them to reflect on their experiences, interests and ambitions and communicate these effectively within their UCAS applications.

The individual nature of the sessions meant students could focus on their own personal statement and receive targeted advice on how to strengthen their writing and make their applications as competitive as possible.

A huge thank you to the IntoUniversity team for giving their time and expertise to support our students, and to our Year 13s for engaging so positively with the sessions. We look forward to continuing to support students as they work towards completing their UCAS applications.

West Ham Foundation



West Ham Foundation sessions started on Friday with Year 9 students enjoying a session on Female Leadership and Year 10 boys getting involved in their Football Literacy session, aimed at developing literacy skills through reading, writing, and oracy.

NOTICES

Is your child a young Carer?

If they are, please contact school as there is support that can be put in place.

If your child has a medical condition, please make sure up to date medication is in school