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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been a real pleasure welcoming everyone back to the start of the new academic year.

This week we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 cohorts. Both year groups have made an excellent start, settling in with enthusiasm and maturity.

The year ahead promises to be filled with exciting opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. Together, we will continue to foster a culture of ambition, inclusion and community, ensuring that every student feels supported, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.

Punctuality

As part of our renewed focus on punctuality, we are asking all students to be in school by 8:35am and in tutor time by 8:40am each morning. To support this, both the front and back gates will now close promptly at 8:35am.

Arriving on time is vital to ensure students make the very best start to their day and are fully prepared for learning. We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Year 6 Open Mornings

Monday 14th – 16th Sept at 9:15am – 10:30am

Monday 21st – 23rd Sept at 9:15am – 10:30am

Monday 28th – 30th Sept at 9:15am – 10:30am

Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 1st Oct at 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal and Principal's News



Welcome to the MAS family and a new school year

This week we've been very excited to welcome all our students and families to the new school year at MAS, which promises plenty of learning, teaching, enrichment and fun. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays.

We welcomed our Year 7 students on Tuesday and they made a very



positive and enthusiastic start to secondary school and we wish them a happy and fulfilling journey with us here at MAS.

We also welcomed our Year 12 students who begin their Sixth Form experience with us. It was lovely to see so many returning students and equally exciting to meet students that are new to MAS. We hope the next two years brings you success and enjoyment, and we will do everything we can to help you prepare for your next steps, be that university, apprenticeships or employment. Make the most of all the opportunities that will be offered to you and enjoy the next two years.

TrailFam Alpine adventure

A big thank you to TrailFam, Mr



Stokes and all the staff who supported the fantastic trip to Chamonix during the holidays. We're very proud of our young athletes and so pleased that they had this amazing opportunity at UTMB and the chance to train and be supported by leading trail runners.

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

We would love to meet you

Sixth Form News

A warm welcome back to all our sixth-form students following the summer break. We are especially pleased to welcome those joining us from new schools. We hope you quickly feel at home and become part of our sixth-form community.

Our new Year 12 students have enjoyed a busy week of enrolment and induction activities, including university talks, apprenticeship visits, careers information, education, advice and guidance (CEIAG) appointments, and much more. We hope you also enjoyed the scavenger hunt and that it helped you to get to know the sixth form, the school and your new classmates!

Welcome back to our Year 13 students as they begin a particularly important year. This is the time to build strong routines and make every lesson, study period and opportunity count. Through our MAS6 Mindset programme, students will continue

developing the Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice and Attitude needed to succeed.

We look forward to supporting all our students throughout what promises to be an exciting and successful year.



Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

HOUSE EVENTS

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

Friday 11th September
YEAR 7 HOUSE LANDMARK TRIP

Thursday 8th October
HOUSE CRICKET

Thursday 24th September
DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Thursday 22nd October
BIG HOUSE QUIZ Year 8

September 21st-25th
PGL Week

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

COME and join in... TIME to HAVE FUN!

Welcome

to the new school year

YEAR
7

It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students to Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. Their first week has been spent getting to know their teachers, the school and each other. In their first assembly, they found out which House they are part of and received their House tie and planner. They worked in groups on a 'Dragon's Den' project, planning and pitching a product. They ended the week taking part in a STEM challenge. Here are few moments from the week.





A very warm welcome to Year 12! It's been lovely to see so many of our students returning to start Sixth Form and fantastic to welcome those who are new to Mulberry Academy Shoreditch - we are looking forward to a great two years ahead. Here are a few moments from the first day of Sixth Form.



STEM CHALLENGE

Year 7 were set the task to design and build a bridge using limited materials. Working in groups they used different criteria such as width, strength etc, to plan their constructions and tested them by placing different weights on them.



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

TRAILFAM at UTMB

This summer, TrailFam had the incredible opportunity to spend two weeks in the Alps as part of HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc.

During the first week, three of our young athletes joined the HOKA team at their training camp in Saint-Gervais, where they lived and trained alongside some of the world's leading trail runners, including Hans Troyer, Honoka Akiyama, Emily Schmitz, Rod Farvard, Kris Jones and Adam Peterman. It was an amazing opportunity for the young people to see what elite preparation really looks like while completing their own training, acclimatising to the altitude and getting plenty of climbing into their legs. In the second week, they were joined by the rest of the TrailFam Race Team in Chamonix for UTMB week. Our partners at HOKA hosted us brilliantly, while Hayden Hawks and TrailFam Performance Advisor Robbie Britton gave their time, knowledge and encouragement to support every member of the team.



The racing began with the YCC in Courmayeur, one of the most competitive youth trail races in the world. TrailFam achieved two top-ten finishes, with four athletes placing inside the top 30 and qualifying for YCC The Revenge in Chamonix the following day. Every qualifying athlete then improved their finishing position in the second race, which showed the resilience, confidence and willingness to learn that the team had developed throughout the trip. Away from the racing, the young people experienced the incredible atmosphere of UTMB, supported athletes in the adult races and became part of a truly global sporting community. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Miss Newton, Mr Ahmed and Miss Sandy, whose care, hard work and amazing support helped make the trip such a positive and memorable experience for every young person involved. We returned incredibly proud of the results, but even more proud of the way the team represented themselves, TrailFam and the wider Mulberry Academy Shoreditch community.



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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



 **Wednesdays**
13:45
from September

SUPPORTING YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON

If moving up into Sixth Form at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is on your child's horizon this is for you.

The transition between Y11 and Y12 is an exciting milestone, but it can also be a time of change and uncertainty for both young people and their families

Students are often adjusting to:

- Greater independence
- Increased academic expectations
- New responsibilities
- Different teaching styles
- New friendships and social environments
- Travelling independently and managing their own time

Whether your child is joining Mulberry Academy Shoreditch from another school or continuing into our Sixth Form, this transition can bring new challenges.

Working together

We believe that parents and carers are key partners in every student's success. This programme offers an opportunity to work alongside school staff, share your experiences and learn practical ways to support your child throughout their journey where we will discuss a variety of topics, some examples follow;

- Practical strategies to support anxiety, organisation, emotional wellbeing, independence and social confidence.
- Advice on helping young people meet new people, develop friendships and feel a sense of belonging within the Sixth Form community.
- Guidance on understanding the transition from GCSEs to post-16 study, including increased academic expectations, independent learning and managing workload.

We look forward to you joining us in a welcoming and supportive space where you can connect with other parents and carers, share experiences and gain practical strategies to help your young person settle successfully into this next stage

Interested in joining?

To register your interest, please confirm using this QR code:



Or emailing:

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Our parents say:

- “ After each session I feel re-energised with loads of ideas and thoughts which help me as a parent support my child. ”
- “ I was running on empty before I came to the programme. Didn't know how to help my child who was starting to get more anxious. It's a safe place for parents to learn together, get ideas and feel supported without being judged. She is now loving school again. ”



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IS YOUR CHILD TRANSITIONING TO A NEW YEAR?

“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” - Martin Luther King, Jr

The transition from Years 8 and 9 into Year 10 brings exciting opportunities, but it can also present new challenges for both young people and their families.

We are pleased to offer a **6-week Parent Support Group** for parents and carers of students in **Years 8, 9 and 10**.

Join us for a welcoming, supportive space where you can connect with other parents, share experiences, and gain practical strategies to help your teenager navigate this important stage.

Each session will include:

- Peer support and discussion with other parents and carers.
- Practical, evidence-based strategies to support anxiety, organisation, emotional wellbeing, and social skills.
- Guidance on understanding the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4, including the changes, expectations, and challenges that this stage can bring.
- Opportunities to ask questions, reflect, and build confidence in supporting your teenager at home.

Supporting your child starts with supporting you. We look forward to welcoming you.

Refreshments will be provided at every session.

Interested in joining?

To register your interest, please email us with your **name, email address, and phone number** using one of the email addresses below:

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lcoulson-west@mulberryschoolstrust.org

enewton@mulberryschoolstrust.org

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to welcoming you.

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