

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another wonderful week of welcoming prospective students and their families to our school. We had a fantastic Open Evening on Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many families join us for tours of the school and to meet our staff and students. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to all of our staff and students whose hard work and support helped make the evening such a success. We still have further opportunities for families to visit, with our upcoming open event time and date shown below.

Our Year 13 Health and Social Care students are currently on their two-week long work placements this week. The students are getting the chance to experience a professional working environment, build important employability skills and develop a greater understanding of careers within the health and social care sector. We hope they enjoy this valuable experience and look forward to hearing about what they have learned when they return to school.

Congratulations to Thames House for achieving the highest number of House Points during the last academic year and enjoying their well-deserved pizza party this week. To all our other Houses, the challenge is now on! Keep demonstrating positive attitudes, effort, teamwork and excellent behaviour to earn as many House Points as possible. Who will take the top spot this year?

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 6th October at 3.45pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place on **Wednesday 7th October at 9.00am** and will be administered by Vaccination UK to eligible students.

Year 6 Open Mornings

Saturday 10th October at 9.30am – 11.00am.

Yours faithfully,



Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Executive Principal and Principal's News



Open Evening

A big thank you to all the families who came along to our Open Evening on Thursday. We really enjoyed showing you around our



school and we hope to see lots of you joining us in Year 7. Thank you also to the students and staff that helped out and made it such a lovely event.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and, here at MAS, we're looking forward to lots of learning activities, displays and events celebrating the rich history, arts and culture of our Black communities. The BHM display in the Street features lovely messages written by students and staff, to honour our Black colleagues.

National Poetry Day

It was lovely to see English teachers



and students sharing their favourite poems to mark National Poetry Day during lunchtime on Thursday.

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.

We would love to meet you

OPEN SATURDAY

**Saturday 10th October
9.30am-11.00am**

Sixth Form News

Well done to our Year 12 students and selected form groups on a fantastic start to enrichment. The photos and feedback have been excellent, and it has been great to see students getting involved and trying something new. This will be a termly programme, so there is plenty more in store! Well done also to our Year 13 students who are beginning to prepare and submit their UCAS applications and think about references. Please speak to your form tutors, subject teachers and the sixth form team for support, guidance or reference requests. We are here to help you make informed choices and prepare strong applications.

As you work towards your next steps, remember that achieving an A* or a Distinction starts with the habits you build now: attending lessons, completing independent study,



practising exam questions and acting on feedback. Strong results require secure knowledge and the ability to apply it accurately to the question. Research involving 48,478 students across 222 studies found that testing yourself improves learning. Put this into practice by closing your notes, recalling what you know, checking the gaps and revisiting those topics regularly. Make purposeful use of private study and ask for help

Are you looking for a Sixth Form place in September 2027?

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19th November . 4-6pm *Save the date!*

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Role-play as national diplomats to debate and solve global issues

Open to students in Years 9,10&12

WEDNESDAYS
3.30-5pm in the library

Come along
Join the debate

MUN helps you develop skills in research, public speaking, and teamwork.

Please speak to Ms Taylor or Ms Shepherd

PGL House Trip

Our recent residential trip to PGL Suffolk was an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, laughter and plenty of new challenges.

Our students showed fantastic courage and enthusiasm throughout the trip. They stepped outside their comfort zones, tried activities they had never experienced before and supported each other every step of the way!

From exciting outdoor activities like abseiling and zip wire to indoor activities like fencing, there was something for everyone to enjoy. We were especially proud to see students overcome their nerves, build confidence and discover that they were capable of more than they thought.

A huge well done to all our students for embracing the challenge, showing great teamwork and making the residential such a fun and memorable experience!!!



A good night's sleep



30 year 7-9 students took part in a sleep and well-being workshop on Monday. They discussed the importance of getting a good night's sleep and how to get into a good bedtime routine!



Year 7 Art

We dropped in on Ms Ephgrave and Mr Lawn's art lessons and found Year 7s busy learning mark making techniques... cross hatching and stippling.



Open Evening

What a fantastic evening we had on Thursday, welcoming families to our Open Evening and showcasing the very best that our school has to offer. Our student helpers did a fantastic job of making everyone feel welcome - thanks to all involved for making the event such a success.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 26

THINGS TO DO FOR FREE:

Canary Wharf Black History Murals

Dates & Times: October 1 - October 31, 2026 (Daily)

Venue: Near Waitrose & Partners Canada Square, 16-19 Canada Square, London E14 5EW

Designed by artist Jasmine Kahlia, this public exhibition showcases vibrant murals commemorating Black history and culture.

The Music Is Black: A British Story

Dates & Times: Open daily through October 2026 (Closes January 3, 2027)

Venue: V&A East Museum, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford, London (best to book)

If you visit or take part in any Black History Month events we would love to hear about it! Why not write a short review for the newsletter!

Read Black History Month Magazine 2026

Explore this 126-page digital magazine celebrating Honouring Our Communities, with inspiring stories of Black British life, achievement and service.



NOTICE

Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Flu vaccination/spray will take place in school on:

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 18th November

Vaccination UK will contact you to get consent for your child to receive this.

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Netball Club

YEARS 7+8

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm

Please see Ms Coulson-West or Ms Izobo to sign up

MANDARIN CLUB

Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:00pm with a specialist teacher

We have 20 places available for any students in Years 7-10 and 12.

Sign up by scanning this link or speaking to Ms Taylor or Ms Anthony

COME AND JOIN

DRAMA CLUB

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

Years 7-9

Thursdays in 324 3.30-4.30

SEE MS CODY FOR MORE INFO

Smarter Cities

Year 8 students are taking part in the Smarter Cities programme delivered by the Ahead Partnership. The task is to design inclusive, sustainable and tech enabled solutions for cities of the future, exploring topics such as AI, green energy and accessibility. Their problem-solving skills and team work projects have got them through to the competitive regional finale and the workshops and mentoring sessions have also inspired students to think about the diverse careers in the technology and STEAM sector.



Year 7 Football

The Y7s played in a football fixture away at Royal Docks Academy on Monday and were 6-1 winners. An opening goal from Atlantas Saveika Mittoo gave Mulberry a strong start before Royal Docks equalised shortly afterwards. An excellent freekick from Curtis Mullan-Coade put the away side back in front before half time. After the break, Mulberry continued to dominate possession and the chances and goals from Eesa Kamaly, Yahiya Khan, Iker Canato Andrade and an own goal secured an impressive win. A number of players impressed, including Eesa Kamaly, captain Archie Ryan and Curtis Mullan-Coade. However, it was Yahiya Khan who earnt player of the match through his commitment, work rate and humility throughout the game.

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THE COST INCLUDES

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- 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**

AI PARENTS' GUIDE

Generative AI is a type of AI that can create new content, including text, images, music, audio and video. ChatGPT is one example: when someone types a question or instruction, it generates a response based on patterns it has learned from large amounts of information.

Importantly, tools such as ChatGPT are not simply searching a database and copying out an existing answer. They generate a new response based on the prompt they have been given. This is why changing the wording of a question can produce a very different response.

What parents can do: If you use a generative AI tool at home, try asking the same question in two or three different ways with your child. Compare the answers and discuss why they might be different.