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Thursday 8th October 2026

Dear Families,

We were delighted to welcome Year 11 families to our Parents' Evening on Tuesday. The evening was a great success with important discussions around progress and targets and students receiving valuable guidance for their onward journey towards GCSE examinations. We would like to thank you for your attendance and continued support.

Our Year 13 Health and Social Care students continue their second and final week of work placements. 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.

Some of our Year 7 students will set off on Friday for their first residential trip to Hindleap Warren. The trip will be an exciting milestone for our students and a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their independence, build friendships and take part in a range of new activities. We hope they have a fantastic time and make many happy memories during their stay.

Year 6 Open Mornings
Year 6 Open Morning will be held on **Saturday 10th October at 9.30am – 11.00am.**

Year 13 Academic Parents' Evening
Year 13 Academic Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 13th October at 3.45pm**.

October Half Term
Please note that **October Half Term will run for two weeks: Monday 26th October – Friday 6th November 2026.**

- Students finish on **Friday 23rd October.**
- **Week 1:** Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October.
- **Week 2:** Remote learning for Years 7–10. Students will **not** be required on site.
- **Year 11:** Students must attend school for their mock exams.
- **Sixth Form:** Only students resitting English or Maths GCSEs are required on site.
- Students return to school on **Monday 9th November 2026** at the normal start time.

Yours faithfully,

Melissa Gibson
Principal

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ThisWeek

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

THE MAS WAY — AMBITION, INCLUSION, COMMUNITY

Executive Principal and Principal's News

Year 11 Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Year 11 parents evening on Tuesday. There were lots of productive conversations and it was a good opportunity to prepare students for the months ahead in their exam year.

Black History Month

The Black History Month assemblies this week have been fantastic and based on 'Honouring our Communities'. It was lovely to see students recognising their Black teachers and also to see some great research and presentations on Black History in the local community.

Active and outdoors

Our football teams have made a great start this term competing with other schools in the borough - well done! Students have been out running this week too, in Epping Forest with TrailFam and in Victoria Park on Wednesday at the borough cross-country competion. Well done to all who ran (in the rain). Year 7 students are excited to be going to Hindleap Warren this weekend where they will be spending their time doing lots of outdoor activities (more in next week's newsletter). We wish them a fantastic time.

Open Morning

On Saturday morning we are running our last Open Morning for families who are looking for a secondary school place for September 2027. If you would like to know more about what our amazing school has to offer, please do come along and visit us, we would love to meet you.

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

Enrichment continues to be an important part of sixth-form life, giving students opportunities to develop confidence, explore interests and build skills beyond the classroom. We encourage everyone to get involved, including through Global Girl Leading, which provides opportunities to explore leadership, equality and the power of young women's voices.

Students aged 16-18 can enter the Worshipful Company of Communicators' new essay competition for the chance to win £2,500. The question asks students to consider the effects of disinformation and how individuals, social media platforms and governments could reduce its spread and impact. This is an opportunity to develop research and writing skills while exploring an important issue. Entries close on Friday 27th November 2026. Visit communicatoressay.co.uk for details!

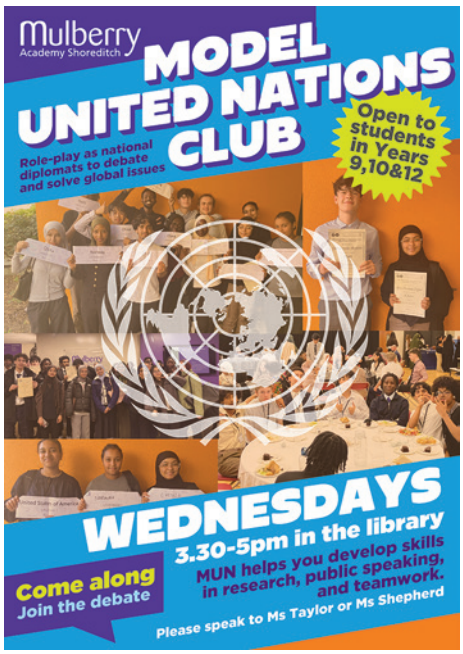
To celebrate Black History Month, Mohamed Moussaoui in Year 13 is inviting sixth-form students to a Movie Night in the Library on Thursday 15th October, with pizza and drinks available. Arrive between 3:40 and 3:50pm for a 4:00pm screening. There are 15 places per year group, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To attend, comment on the Teams post and follow the voting instructions to select your preferred film!

Enrichment Wednesday at Young V&A

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

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19th November . 4-6pm



Global Girl Leading

On Tuesday, our Global Girl Leaders explored the history of feminism and examined how the UN Sustainable Development Goals impact women and girls around the world.

Working in groups, students identified the goals they felt were most important for advancing gender equality. They then presented their ideas to their peers, sharing different perspectives on the challenges women face globally before voting on the issue they felt should be the highest priority.

The session provided a valuable opportunity for our Global Girl Leaders to connect, share their views and deepen their understanding of the global landscape of feminism and gender equality.

We were really impressed with the way our students spoke confidently and presented their ideas!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 26

"As students, we wanted this year's Black History Month assembly to really show what community means in our school. For us, community is about protecting each other, standing up when something isn't right, and making sure everyone feels included and respected. We spoke about how discrimination doesn't just affect individuals, it affects all of us and how important it is to challenge it together.

One of the best parts of the assembly was when we surprised the Black teachers in our Year teams. They had no idea it was coming. We wanted to honour them properly, to thank them for everything they do, for the way they support us, represent us, and make our school feel like a place where we belong. Seeing their reactions made the moment even more special.

Putting this assembly together reminded us that community isn't just a theme for Black History Month. It's something we build every day through our actions, our voices, and the way we treat each other. We were proud to lead it."

Jayla-bre James

BHM Window display

"As part of our Black History Month celebrations, students created a window display dedicated to honouring every Black member of staff in our school. The display highlighted their contributions, their impact, and the role they play in shaping our community each day.

Students were especially proud to recognise Meek and Ayres De Silva Fernandes from our catering team, whose warmth and daily support make a real difference to school life. The display served as a public thank-you, celebrating representation, appreciation and the strength of our school community."

Ms Wainer

Tower Hamlets Cross Country

18 students across Y7, Y8 and Y10 participated in the annual Tower Hamlets cross country event at Victoria Park on a rainy Wednesday 7th October. Mulberry competed with five other schools in the borough and represented the school in a respectful and positive manner. The runners gave 100%, demonstrating determination and commitment in their individual events.

There were a number of standout performers, particularly those students who collected medals: Max Gargya collected silver in his 2.4k run narrowly losing to an independent school runner; Scarlett Risdale impressively collected silver in her 3.6k run and Leo Togher dominated his race and collected gold in under 12 minutes. Other impressive runners were Archie Ryan, Eesa Kamaly, Vivien Michaeloudiou-Snooks, Florence Epton, Marius Otoo, Jack Prentice and Marwa Ismail Ali. Overall, the student can be proud of their efforts, accomplishments and creating a positive environment to compete in.

Tower Hamlets Football Tournament

Year 9s started the tournament on a mission to go back to back in the shield cup!

With a draw vs Stepney Green and a 1-0 win vs Bow Thanks to a goal by Ibrahim Ketit, we went through to the semi final vs LEA.

An own goal and a goal from Uthman Hussain took us to the final vs Morpeth, with a tight game was decided through penalties and Shuaib Miah scoring the decisive goal to take us to victory and back to back wins! Well done boys!

Year 12 Enrichment Wednesdays have got off to a great start with students enjoying trips to the Young V&A (above), bowling, restaurants and much more!

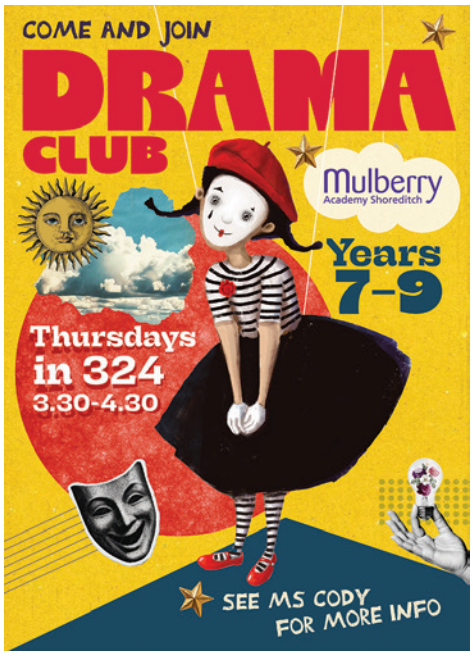
CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Envision

A group of Year 10 students began a 12 week youth social action project this week delivered by Envision. The project helps to empower young people to take action and create positive change in their schools and communities whilst building essential skills for life and work. Over the 12 weeks our Year 10 students will work in teams to design, develop and deliver their chosen project with the help of their co-ordinator and local business mentors and will report and present their work to their perrs and a panel of judges.

Year 13 Into University

Year 13 students took part in a workshop with Into University, to explore Post-16 pathways into higher education, employment and apprenticeships. Into University also support students with independent learning skills, support with CV writing, interview skills, UCAS and personal statement support as well as the transition to university and other chosen pathways.



Year 8 Football

Last Thursday the Year 8 team did really well. They beat London docks, they drew with Langdon Park, which got us through to the semi finals of the shield, we then went on to the finals after beating George Green on penalties 3-2 after the game finished 2-2. The final wasn't to be but they did the school proud.

NOTICE

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

Wednesday 18th November

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

AI PARENTS' GUIDE

How Does AI Learn with Machine Learning?

Much of the AI we use today relies on machine learning. Instead of a programmer writing instructions for every possible situation, a computer system is trained using large amounts of data so that it can identify patterns.

For example, an AI system could be shown many examples of cats and dogs and learn patterns that help it distinguish between them. More advanced AI systems are trained using enormous amounts of information and can identify much more complicated patterns in language, images and other data. This training is one reason AI can be incredibly powerful, but the quality and nature of the data it learns from also matter.

What parents can do: Ask your child: "If an AI learned from information that was inaccurate or biased, what might happen to its answers?" It is a useful starting point for thinking critically about AI.