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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

## A message from the CEO



Welcome to the final issue of Connect for this academic year. It is hard to believe we are at the end of the summer term!

We are delighted to bring you another bumper edition of the Mulberry Schools Trust newsletter. It is brimming with impressive academic scholarly and tremendous enrichment experiences. It is vitally important to me that our students have the best possible opportunities to learn inside and outside of the classroom...and this issue clearly provides a taste of life inside and outside a Mulberry school!

I can't help but feel so proud of our brilliant students and the experiences we can offer as a family and individual schools. Day in and day out, every single member of staff demonstrates their hard work and commitment to their school that will ultimately lead to outstanding outcomes for our students and our work as a Trust.

Our partnership with our families and the local community is absolutely critical and front and centre of everything we do. During these tough times our hand is outstretched to any family that may require our support. We are stronger when we work together and we can provide support in a number of ways, so please do not hesitate to contact your school should you need to.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer break. Let's hope that the sun remains shining and you are able to make the most of the environment you live in.

Dr Vanessa Ogden  
CEO

## We're off to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe!

Four years have passed since the award-winning Mulberry Theatre Company last captivated audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

This year we are delighted to be returning with our most ambitious project to date - the student production *'Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow'*. Written by Mulberry Theatre Company and directed by Alison Hargreaves, the production will be performed by students in Year 9, 10 and 12 from Mulberry School for Girls. Students from across the Mulberry Schools Trust will take on various backstage, technical, marketing, front of house, film and catering roles.

The alumni production *'Running with Ghosts'* co-written by Afsana Begum and Fin Kennedy, and directed by Afsana Begum, will be performed by four alumni actors and will be stage managed by a Mulberry UTC alumni, who will design and operate the sound and lighting.

**Mulberry Arts**  
Creative Changemakers

5th-13th August 2022

**MULBERRY IS RETURNING TO EDINBURGH**

Four years have passed since the award-winning Mulberry Theatre Company last captivated audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This year, we return with our most ambitious project to date!

Not only will we be premiering a new student production but for the first time, we will be taking our alumni company who will also be showcasing a brand-new show.

In August 2022, over 30 students and staff from across the Mulberry Schools Trust will grace the stages in Edinburgh performing to international audience at the world's largest arts festival!

Additionally, in collaboration with Dave Nella, lawyer, poet, and very good friend of Mulberry, we are co-producing his one-man show *Uplift* for its run in Edinburgh.

**TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW**  
Premiering at the Space in Surgeons' Hall, Grand Theatre  
Mulberry Theatre Company Student Company

Everyone knows that Ayesha is going places. Top of every class, on course for every prize, it's only a matter of time before she takes over the world. Maryam, meanwhile, can only hope of becoming an actor, while Sel is desperate not to disappoint her parents. After a mysterious encounter with three strangers, the girls are forced to question their choices, their ambitions and whether they really are in control of their own destiny.

Award-winning Mulberry Theatre Company present a new play about fate, ambition and the price of pursuing your dreams.

**RUNNING WITH GHOSTS**  
Premiering at the Space in Triplex, Studio  
Mulberry Theatre Company Alumni Company

At the start of the pandemic, PE teacher Ayesha school transforms into a food bank, as the East London community calls together to get through lockdown. When an all-female running group is formed, Ayesha jumps at the chance to join - and the winding Thames path is the only thing still open. As the nights draw in, other local women join the group. But one night, a mysterious stranger strikes, calling tales of resistance and revolution before vanishing.

Fringe First winners, Mulberry Theatre Company, return with a new play about identity, friendship and feminist priorities.

**UPLIFT**  
Performing at the Space on the Mile, Space 1  
Written and performed by Dave Nella

A heart-warming play illuminating the significant contributions of the Windrush Generation to Britain. Dave Nella, lawyer by profession, wrote *Uplift* to celebrate the culture, impact and resilience of the people who came to Britain and contributed to the rebuilding of the nation following the destruction caused by the Second World War. Dave applies the law to support people who have been affected by Windrush and uses the arts to raise awareness of their stories.

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- Follow @MulbArts on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Support our students and alumni by joining us in Edinburgh to watch their performances
- Come and see the post-Edinburgh performances in London (more details will be shared on our website)

## Specialist arts academy launching soon

The Mulberry Schools Trust will soon be launching the Mulberry Production Arts Academy - a specialised technical and production arts programme to discover, train and empower the next generation of change-makers in the UK's cultural and creative industries.

We look forward to sharing more information about this exciting initiative in the next issue of Connect.

## Greenpower race produces winners second time around!

On Sunday 18th June, our Year 12 Mulberry STEM Academy students raced in the Greenpower F24+ at Hethel in Norfolk.

For Mulberry Academy Shoreditch this was the second race of the season having taken first and second place at Goodwood last month.

This time around, the teams were joined by Mulberry Stepney Green and Mulberry School for Girls. Over 30 students and staff made their way to the race track at 5.00am in the morning. It was an amazing day, and the Shoreditch teams won first and second place once again of all teams, driving at a cool 26mph. The Mulberry Stepney Green team also did really well participating for the first time – achieving 4th place at a speed of 25.6mph.

The Greenpower project is being delivered in each of our schools. Mulberry UTC join the teams in September. The project involves designing, building and racing a battery powered car on a Grand Prix track. Students learn engineering skills such as aerodynamics, gears, mechanics, battery efficiency, sustainability and design; as well as essential team work.

We are privileged to be able to run the project and to have the support of Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd and Peter Hodgkinson, Head of Employee Engagement who has been incredibly helpful in advising and supporting all the teams.



## Goblins come to local primary schools

We are delighted to have been running the Goblin car project with Year 5 students from Canon Barnett Primary School and Virginia Primary School.

The children designed and built an electric powered car, working in teams. Our Mulberry STEM Academy have also continued to run events in many different primary schools including CREST awards, robotics and the amazing F1 in schools competition.

F1 in schools involves children designing and making miniature F1 racing cars and these are powered down a 100m track, creating a thrilling experience designed to encourage younger children's interest in STEM.

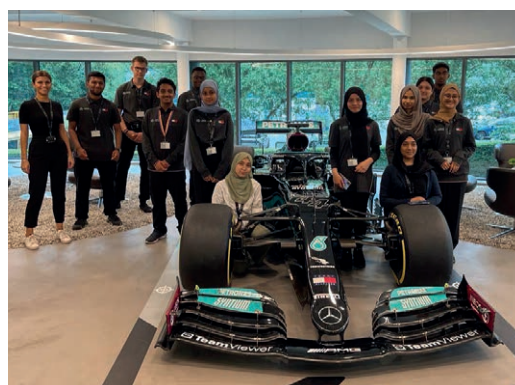


## Summer work experience with Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd

In July, we were so excited that 12 Mulberry STEM Academy Sixth Form students embarked on a week long residential work experience placement at Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd (MGP).

Students from across the Trust schools experienced a programme that consisted of a question and answer session with Toto Wolff, a Microsoft Teams meet with Sir Lewis Hamilton, meetings with the Technical Director and the Chief Operating Officer at MGP, alongside spending most of the week working in their retrospective departments.

The students were placed in departments that included car build, IT, design and composites. The work experience placement was phenomenal. During the evenings, the Mulberry STEM Academy team went out for dinner. It was also great welcoming the second group that attended in the final week of term.



## Successful careers conference

It was brilliant to have hosted another highly successful careers conference on Saturday 11th June with Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd graduate employees. Over 100 Year 10 and 12 students joined the conference to hear from Jordan Woodhouse, Fuels, Oils and Logistics Coordinator, Carrie Donaghy, Motorsport Legal Director and Ryan Vella, Graduate Aerodynamics Design Engineer. Students were enthused to hear about their personal journeys, achievements and the barriers they overcame along the way.

## New primary school developments

We are excited to be sharing developments for the opening of our first primary school, Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary, in September 2023. The school will open with one Reception class and grow each year. Twenty-eight children and several members of staff will join our Mulberry family.

The school is based on the Isle of Dogs and our new building will be ready in February 2023. In the meantime, the school will open in a nearby location with brand new fixtures and fittings.

It was a super busy summer term, with admissions interviews, uniform, registration inspections, curriculum planning, appointing staff and arranging a taster day. The team at the Mulberry Schools Trust thoroughly enjoyed planning and delivering the Reception class taster day which involved warm up games, play based learning – both inside and outside – jigsaw puzzles, role play, arts and crafts, ball games and a reading corner. The new Reception teacher delivered the story time at the end of the morning, captivating our young children. Children left with their own branded bag, water bottle and colouring book!

We have to thank Canon Barnett Primary for their support in helping to develop our primary provision.

## Mulberry

Wood Wharf Primary



## Reconnect London conference and report launch

On Friday 24th June, the second annual Reconnect London was held at the offices of Allen & Overy in east London.

The conference brought together school and Trust leaders, young people and partners to discuss the key question: 'What do young Londoners

need from schools now?'. Keynote speakers included Joanne McCartney, Deputy Mayor of London, Claire Burton, Regional Schools Commissioner, and Zulum Elumogo, Trustee of the Fair Education Alliance. The conference also saw the launch of Reconnect London's new report, 'London Learners, London Lives', which gives a comprehensive analysis of disadvantage in education and how it affects children and young people in London.



## East London Teaching School Hub's Induction Tutor Forum: a morning of celebration and collaboration

On Friday 17th June, East London Teaching School Hub hosted an Induction Tutor Forum for schools working with us on the Early Career Framework (ECF).

Representatives from over 45 schools attended and engaged in a morning of celebration, professional development and collaborative preparation for the second year of the ECF programme of learning.

Feedback has been incredibly positive with all delegates strongly agreeing they felt more motivated to lead the ECF in their schools and were pleased to be part of the East London TSH ECF network.



## Young women attend prestigious networking reception

In May, young women from across the Mulberry Schools Trust attended the Women of the Future Ambassadors Reception in collaboration with Aviva and TSB bank.

Mulberry students had the unique opportunity to network with women in banking, law, finance, music and Minister Baroness Goldie DL. We are extremely grateful to Pinky Lilani for providing our Trust schools with opportunities such as this.

## Diplomatic skills lead to success

Our Model United Nations teams are developing outstanding skills in negotiation and diplomacy and have had great recent successes.

It was a real privilege to watch these future leaders in action at the West London Model United Nations. The conference was run by the American School in London where delegates won awards in six out of eight committees. Again at the St Marylebone School MUN, Mulberry students won awards in all eight committees.

We also welcomed 22 UK and International Schools to our Summer Global Classrooms MUN on the 14th and 15th July. More in the next issue!



## Mulberry host creative dance show

In May, Mulberry School for Girls hosted the annual Tower Hamlets Step Around Town event, organised alongside the Royal Academy of Dance's Step into Dance programme.

Year 10 GCSE Dance students have been completing the programme since September 2021 and the show was an excellent opportunity for them to share their creative work. The school became host to four other local schools who had also participated in the programme; the evening performance was a spectacle of all the students' dedication and hard work over the past academic year. Performances ranged from contemporary to hip-hop and afrobeats styles and students were thrilled to be able to mix together again after the last show was cancelled. Mulberry students said the show was "a really great chance to show off all our work and see what everyone else has done".

We hope to take the performance to the Step LIVE Festival in July 2022 at Cadogan Hall and look forward to continuing to host Step Around Town in the future.

## Debate Mate success

In April, students from Mulberry School for Girls participated in the Debate Mate Cup 2022, at Goldsmiths, University of London.

There were three motions to debate. The first motion was: 'This House would use Artificial Intelligence to make political decisions'. The second motion was: 'This House would ban the glorification of violence in music' and the third motion was: 'This House believes that sports personalities should declare their opinions on key social issue'. Our students won two out of three of their debates. Congratulations to our brilliant team.



## An evening at the Sheldonian Theatre

Students across the Mulberry Schools Trust were invited to an incredible concert over the weekend at the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford.

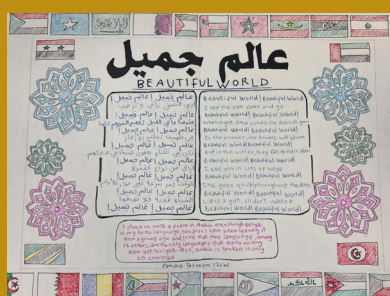
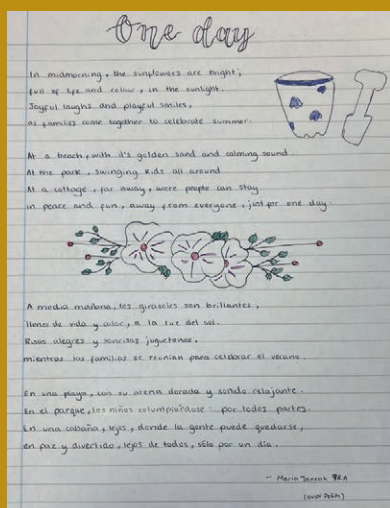
Former High commissioner of Bangladesh, Anwar Choudhury and British biologist, Professor Denis Noble of Oxford University, celebrated their love for folk music with a joint concert between the Oxford Trobadours and the Bengali Baul musicians. The students enjoyed a tour of Oxford University and a Q&A with Professor Noble, before settling into the Sheldonian theatre and enjoying the performance. They were also given the opportunity to join in with two of the songs, *Se canto*, an occataine folk song and *Agge' ki shundor dheen*, a Bengali folk song. It was an incredible day for the Trust and a beautiful celebration of culture through music.



## Multilingual poetry competition

The *Mother Tongue Other Tongue* multilingual poetry competition formed an integral part of our International Mother Language Day 2022 programme.

On that day, we celebrated the linguistic and cultural diversity across our school community. Through creative writing, the poetry competition showcased the many languages spoken and learned by students – both in school and at home. Here are two of the winning entries.



## A Quinceanera celebration

Our students were honoured to attend a Quinceanera event at the Mexican Embassy residence with Her Excellency, Josefa González-Blanco.

The day consisted of an intimate sharing exercise where students were able to speak about items of importance to them and the women they looked up to in their life. They then went on to make bracelets with symbolic meanings of strength and good fortune. Lastly, they enjoyed a wonderful lunch with delicious Mexican food and lots of networking with Her Excellency and the Embassy dog, Tiny. Students were inspired by the Ambassadors warm and courageous personality, Her Excellency stressed the importance of saying 'no' and ensuring that students understood the importance of women being able to say no as a complete



sentence: "You don't need to explain your 'no' to anyone!". We are extremely grateful for such an incredible opportunity to learn from such an amazing role model.



## Five days in Italy

A group of Year 12 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a cultural immersion trip to central Italy.

Participants were selected on the basis of their outstanding achievement and their positive contribution to the Sixth Form. They had the opportunity to visit outstanding landmarks of national beauty including Sassotetto Mountain, waterfalls, Roman amphitheatres, the historic town of Ascoli and more! They loved speaking Italian through the week. Learning the traditional art of pasta-making with 82 year-old Annuzuata was a particular highlight. We are looking forward to repeating the trip in September and again in May with next year's new Year 12 cohort.

## Super curriculum

The Key Stage 5 Super-curriculum enables students to develop specialist knowledge in areas that seize their interest.

Year 12 students hugely enjoyed joining in at a fiery Intelligence

Squared debate examining whether or not "We were right to Brexit". They enjoyed hearing from Former Conservative MEP, Daniel Hannan, Cambridge University Historian, Robert Tombs, Former MP for Beaconsfield and Attorney-General, Dominic Grieve. Students brimmed with questions during the debate and relished the opportunity to quiz Labour MP for Walthamstow, Stella Creasy, afterwards!





## Over 600 students apply to join Mulberry UTC!

With over 600 applications to join us in September, we are all really excited to welcome our new cohort of Year 10 and Year 12 students in September.



Mulberry UTC staff and the student leadership team have been busy hosting fantastic events such as our *Offer Holders Welcome* event attended by around 100 new students in March and we also planned taster sessions in person and online over the summer term.

It was great to see members of our new Year 9 cohort visiting the school during May half term to meet their classmates and confirm their career-related options for next year. We also hosted Year 9 students from St Paul's Steiner School that month.

We have also launched an exciting series of progression events in conjunction with Goldsmiths, University of London, which will support students. We are really grateful to our partners for all the support they provide for our students. We can't wait to see them all in the building!

## ITV Media Workshop

On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June, students completed a brilliant two-day media workshop run by ITV and the Ideas Foundation.

After learning about how to develop a TV format from initial idea to final concept, students worked in groups to create a pitch for an original TV which could be aired on ITV. Over the two days, they honed their presentation skills and worked on developing their show concept to make it both watchable and feasible. They then delivered their persuasive pitches to industry professionals from ITV who chose a winner. Two of the groups were chosen to go to the final round in July where they will fine-tune their pitches and compete against other schools.



## Students enjoy a taste of science and music at Oxford University

On Sunday 5th June, students from Mulberry UTC were invited to the Oxford Sheldonian Theatre by Anwar Choudhury (former British High Commissioner to Bangladesh) for a day filled with a taste of science and music.

The event consisted of a tour and a celebration of the Soul of Music "Bengali and European folk in Fusion" and a meeting with Professor Denis Noble the British biologist. This was organised by CoBBC and Oxford Trobadors.

It was an honour for our students to meet such distinguished professionals. They were left feeling motivated and that they could still have their hobbies and interests, as well as their professional careers.



## Barts NHS Simulation Hub

On Monday 20th June, a group of Level 3 Health and Social Care students were invited to Barts Health NHS Trust simulation hub located in Newham College.

Students were able to gain a real insight into how to support patients within a hospital ward with the support of experienced Health

and Social Care professionals. The students are reaching the end of their Level 2 Care Certificate and this was a great opportunity to apply the care standards they have learnt during their theory lessons.



We also received some wonderful feedback from our students:

**"We were able to get an insight to what our future careers may look like and putting our knowledge into practice. It was an amazing opportunity."**

Fahmeda Begum

**"This experience gave us an opportunity to develop and enhance fundamental skills that we will need in a healthcare environment."**

Nuha Rahman

**"It allowed me to demonstrate new skills that I can take further and use in my chosen career pathway."**

Nooha Begum

## Year 11 End of Year Celebration

On Friday 24th June, Mulberry UTC celebrated the end of exams and their GCSE journey with our Year 11 students.

After what has been a challenging two years it was amazing to see the students really able to relax and have some fun now that all of the hard work and revision was finally behind them.

After welcome drinks, students took their seats to watch a video montage of some of the highlights from the past two years, before the school's Acting Principal, Director of Pastoral Provision and Heads of House shared their thoughts and students received a range of awards for their efforts and achievements in Year 11.

A highlight of the event was the speeches delivered by the Vice Captains of Ash, Elm and Oak Houses – Year 11 students who have represented their Houses admirably over the past two years. Their speeches were really touching and demonstrated the close bonds that the Year 11s have forged. Staff and students then enjoyed a meal together, dancing and lots of wacky photos in the photo booth to take home as memories of a great event. We look forward to seeing our Year 11s celebrating on results day!



## Performing Arts Masterclass with Goldsmiths

On Thursday 16th June, our Year 11, 12 and 13 Media and Performing Arts students took part in an exciting masterclass with Goldsmiths, University of London.

Danny Braverman, Lecturer in Theatre and Performance, and Millie Cooper, who graduated from Goldsmiths with a degree in Performance, Politics and Society, ran practical workshops for our students. Millie previously worked on Channel 4's 'Ackley Bridge' and now works in the VFX department at Warner Brothers studios. These activities included opportunities for our students to collaborate creatively and develop their improvisation skills. In addition, our visitors gave the opportunity to our students to discuss their own future creative career pathways, including roles within performing and production arts and script writing.



## Robert Halfon MP visit

In May, Mulberry UTC was delighted to receive a visit from Robert Halfon MP.

Robert Halfon is also the Chair of the Education Select Committee and a huge advocate of UTCs and the benefits of technical education.

Our students spent time demonstrating their technical skills in our health suite and their acting skills in our theatre and then talking at length about their work experience opportunities with the National Theatre and Barts Health NHS Trust. Students were also given a special opportunity to share their views on how social media companies could better protect young people from harmful materials on their platforms. Robert Halfon committed to taking their thoughts and experiences back to Parliament for discussion in his Committee.



## Employability session and apprenticeship launch

In May, Ipsos MORI delivered a really useful employability session and apprenticeship launch for our Year 13 Business students.

As a partner school, Ipsos MORI offers our students an expedited recruitment process and a guaranteed interview for their Market Research Apprentices roles.

Our students were given top advice on getting an apprenticeship from Vivian Lo (Talent Partner) and Alice Kenny (Talent Assistant). Our students also met Holly Dibble and Abbie Bradley who are current apprentices at the organisation and shared their journey working at Ipsos MORI. The Year 13 Business students critiqued a range of example CVs and then brainstormed their own CV ideas. The workshop

ended with a question and answer session with Holly and Abbie.



## Newsround turns 50

On Thursday 31st March, a group of Year 7 students were invited to attend the 50th Birthday of BBC Newsround where they tried their hand at presenting, interviewing and filming! Here's what some of them had to say about the exciting experience...

Newsround's 50th anniversary was so much fun! We took part in activities such as interviews, a Q&A and presenting the news whilst reading an autocue. I was also lucky enough to receive autographs and have photos taken with my favourite presenters. I particularly enjoyed being interviewed by De'Graft! We had a great conversation and he even told me his secret. At the end, we went down to watch a special anniversary film and met the whole cast. This included former presenters and producers. We were then allowed to ask questions. We each received a Newsround goody bag before making our way back to school. Overall, this has been the best opportunity for me in years and I could not be more grateful. Happy Birthday Newsround!

### Sabrina Fergous, 7E

Yesterday was the most exciting day of my life. I managed to get five people's autographs. Firstly, we were introduced to the Newsround team and ate dinner. After that we took part in various activities. We had a go at presenting on TV. I was able to interview a Newsround presenter - he told me that he had been a newsreader for three years. After the interviews, we went to a theatre and watched a special film about the history of Newsround.

During our time in the theatre, I met the Newsround creator. He told us that Newsround started in 1972, 50 years ago! Thank you to Ms McRill and Mr Hibbs for picking me. I feel very lucky to have been chosen to take part.

### Abdulrahman Gamal, 7F

Newsround was a brilliant place and it was a great experience for me. All the people were very kind and nice to talk to. I'm glad I got to go because not everyone gets the opportunity and my favourite part was working the camera and using professional headphones. There were amazing people there like Shaniqua and De' Graft, who both present Newsround. I want to say a huge thank you to Newsround and my teachers for letting me experience this. Happy Birthday Newsround!

### Kiarna Clark, 7E



## Proud to Be at the Jubilee

On Sunday 5th June, the following Mulberry Academy Shoreditch "Proud to Be" poets were invited to Kensington Palace to perform as part of the Royal Jubilee Celebrations: Greta Kilgariff 8D, Harry Duah 8F, Mahdi Islam 8F, Tonniann Daley 9F, Ethan Tison 8D, Isra Farhan 7B and Khadijat Olowolagba 7D.

The day was a fantastic testament to the students' hard work and dedication to the project, as they each performed an outstanding piece of original poetry on the theme of unity, community and friendship. The students blew the audience away as they performed their pieces confidently off-script, with members of the public approaching us to exclaim how talented the students were. Furthermore, the community spirit and comradery of the students as they supported each other was a lovely sight to see.

As the day progressed, students performed alongside established spoken word artists, and there were many activities to entertain performers and the public alike with ice cream aplenty to keep energy levels high at the Palace all afternoon. A huge congratulations to all students involved.



## Tower of London Superbloom project

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, over 20 million seeds have been sown in the moat at the Tower of London.

The flowers will develop and morph over the course of the summer, culminating in the creation of a beautiful, new landscape. The project, called 'Superbloom', is designed to attract pollinators and will bring a wonderful natural beauty to this urban space and introduce a new biodiverse habitat for wildlife.

Recently, a group of Year 7 Tower House students took part in an art workshop to design and make colourful flowers and creatures that will live in the MAS Superbloom garden which they have already planted in the school grounds. The group also visited the Tower of London in June to see the spectacular floral moat for themselves.



## Year 7s outdoor adventures

During summer term, Year 7 students have enjoyed some fantastic opportunities to try new exciting new sports.



At the beginning of the term, two groups enjoyed kayaking at nearby Laburnum Boat Club. It was great to see them all having a go and their confidence on the water increased over the weeks. During the final week's session they played games that ended with them jumping into the canal!

After half term, another group started a sailing course at Fairlop Waters. Students worked in pairs to rig their sailing boats and learnt how to steer and control the sails so they could navigate around the lake. Although challenging at first, they improved their sailing skills week by week and had a lot of fun being outdoors and enjoying the wildlife on the lake. Their resilience



and determination were impressive and they learnt lots of new skills by working together and by not being afraid to keep trying when they drifted off course or got stuck on the bottom of the lake!

## Un jour en France

On Thursday 16th June, Ms Anthony, Mr Robertshaw and Mr McDonald took a group of Year 8s, 9s and 10s to Northern France.

After travelling through the Eurotunnel, it was fantastic seeing the beautiful town and beach of Boulogne. Students visited a typical French boulangerie



where they listened amazingly well in order to understand the explanations that the French baker gave about the ingredients and the process for baking their baguettes. They tasted their pain au chocolat as well – délicieux! The students also tested their French-speaking skills in the market stalls and shops of Boulogne and in the shopping centre in a town nearby. What a wonderful day! Fantastique!

## Year 10 visit Durham Uni

The Year 10 GCSE Computer Science girls had an excellent trip to Durham University recently. They had a short talk about college life, a tour by current students (complete with seeing students' rooms!) and a lunch buffet at Grey College. They then went to the brand new maths and computer science building for a Q&A with current students and a tour of the impressive facilities.

Students also participated in a 'hackathon' put on by PhD students in which they combined their physics and programming knowledge to create simulators of bouncing balls. They then walked down 'cardiac hill' through the science site and were able to pop into the 400-person lecture theatre and university library. The students finished the day with ice cream outside the cathedral. It was a great day and all the students gained a real insight into life at one of the top universities in the country.



## Chemistry at Queen Mary

Over the last few weeks, Year 8 and 9 students have travelled to Queen Mary University of London to take part in an exciting Chemistry workshop.

The workshop was designed to support topics students have studied during Key Stage 3 Science, such as states of matter.

Students were able to spend time in Queen Mary's state of the art undergraduate teaching lab, complete an equipment scavenger hunt, learn about hazard symbols and make sodium alginate jelly worms.

We were also delighted to bump into some old MAS students studying Chemistry!



## Fun times go-karting

On Wednesday 18th May, three of our Sixth Form Mulberry STEM Academy scholars joined students from Mulberry School for Girls, Mulberry Stepney Green and Mulberry UTC for a go-kart race at Mile End Revolution Karting track. It was a great afternoon and all the drivers enjoyed competing on the track. Our students drove brilliantly coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on the podium! Well done!



## Success at the races

On Sunday 19th June, our Mulberry STEM Academy students took part in the Greenpower heats at the Lotus Hethel Test Track.

Here's what Mr M Bisran, our Greenpower Coordinator, had to say;

**"We're all extremely proud of our students for finishing in 4th place (out of 10 other schools). This is an even more amazing achievement considering this was their first ever race and car build - well done to all involved! Our driver, Nabeel performed considerably well on the day. Our superb STEM scholars continue to demonstrate their dedication and passion with our eyes now set on a top three podium finish at the next race in September!"**



## Clifford Grinsted Essay Competition

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Education Committee established the annual Clifford Grinsted Essay Competition which is designed to encourage students at schools to aspire to serve with integrity and strive to deliver excellence and perfection in all that they do.

In May, six of our most talented students entered the competition from Years 7 to 11. We are pleased to announce that the winners from both categories of the competition came from Mulberry Stepney Green! Many congratulations to Hasna Nazifa (7T) and Abdul Aziz Kalam (11W).

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators have confirmed that they will announce the winners on their website and publish the winning essays. More information can be found [here](#) .

Thank you to all who participated in the competition this year.



## Students enjoy STEM provision

During the summer term, our Year 10 and 12 Mulberry STEM Academy students have been very busy!

The Year 10s practiced hard for a go-karting visit to Buckmore Park and the VR competition.

The Year 12s looked forward to their work experience placements at Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd in Brackley. They had an extremely successful time.

We are very proud of our students and all of their hard work this term.



## Flame test

The Triple Science Year 10 group have been studying the electronic configuration of metals and observed the colours used to detect the type of metal.

The students have gone on to do further reactions with acids to understand the role of ions in reduction and oxidation reactions. We use practical, guided investigations to upskill our students so that they are equipped with the necessary literacy to conduct investigations at further study.

## Sports day roundup

On Monday 20th June, we ran our school sports day which signified the start of our two week period of inter house competitions.

They involved everyone in our school and it was great to start re-establishing these events again after the last two years of disruption to whole school events. For the first time, we were able to run a combined boys and girls event which was a great success. This year, Year 7 was won by Brunel, Year 8 by Vardell, Year 9 by Brunel and Year 10 by Rutherford with Brunel winning the overall shield.

Friday 24th June was also a great success as we organised and competed in the London wide Simmonds cup. Our overall position was 5th and we were the highest performing school in Tower Hamlets. More importantly, it was great to bring together schools from across London for an athletics event. Our sports leaders were particularly impressive ambassadors for our school. We also participated in the Girls' Simmonds Cup which took place on Wednesday 6th July at the Olympic Park in Stratford.



## A Level maths conference

Mulberry Stepney Green had the pleasure of hosting the Mulberry Schools Trust A Level Maths Conference on 4th and 5th March. The conference brought together over 35 students from Year 13 representing the schools within the Mulberry family. It offered a different type of intervention and strengthened the collaboration between maths faculties in our schools. Students left the school with positive comments and demanded more conferences in the future.

Mulberry Stepney Green wishes to thank everyone for their input, especially teachers for preparing engaging and enriching activities for all of our students.

## Biology residential

Our students travelled to Colchester to carry out the required practical investigations as part of their A level Biology qualification.

The group were fantastic and engaged with a myriad of techniques on different terrains such as the woodland and saltmarsh.

Students looked at succession and boosted their knowledge capital on biodiversity and ecology. Huge thank you to Mr. P. Bhutta and Ms. L. Specchia for supporting the Science faculty and our students.



## Cambridge University trip

During the summer half term, our potential Oxbridge candidates visited Cambridge University.

The day started with an introduction to Cambridge University, the college system and the unique teaching style at Cambridge. Students then went on a guided tour with a former Mulberry Stepney Green student, taking in the views and historic buildings. After lunch, the students participated in an insightful workshop on UCAS personal statements and University interviews.

The students were then treated to a taster university-style lecture by Professor Aylmer Johnson on the topic of Engineering Bridges. The day then concluded with a Q&A with another former student. Applicants for Oxbridge have an early deadline for UCAS and have been working hard on their applications with their dedicated school mentor. The visit was a much-needed boost of motivation for them and we wish them all the best with their applications!





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