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YEAR 10 FILM FOR **SOLACE WOMEN'S AID**

WOODSIDE **SPORTS DAY 2024** "BUILD AND RACE YOUR CAR" **HOUSE COMPETITION**

9A WINS FIRST GIVE FINALS FOR WOMAN'S TRUST CHARITY





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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

It's been a really amazing week at school this week with so much to celebrate. On Monday, a big group of students and staff went to cheer on Aleiya Francis in the final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Championship. Out of 33,000 students who entered, Aleiya made it to the final 15, an incredible achievement. On Wednesday, Kayla Ponton-Reid in Year 9 performed her "Letter to My Daughter" piece to a packed theatre at the Wilton Music Hall. This was followed by a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with five of our students performing "One Shot" with Karl Queensborough from the Hamilton musical. Karl has been the lead in the West End for over three years.

Our Sports Day was a real highlight of the academic year as ever. The wet weather did not dampen spirits, with tutor groups cheering on peers. Sadly, rain cut off the final teacher race – we promise it wasn't a fix!

Another real highlight of the year is the First Give performance, with students in Year 9 competing to win £1,000 for their chosen charity. This key event allows for the demonstration of both kindness and pride in working together.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students set off on their week-long expedition on Thursday to Epping Forest. It is such a great experience in leadership, orienteering, and independence. Thanks to our supporting staff and our students.

We also had our music celebration on Thursday. Thank you to Ms Danso and Ms Frost for their work on this performance.

Next week, our Year 10 students go on work experience. See below for some top tips for work experience. As is usual, next week will be a little quieter, with our students focusing on feedback from assessments and summary work.

Our final week will be rewards and our Culture Day, so some fun things for our final days of term.

All the best for the weekend – here's hoping that England bring it home!

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES

15th - 19th July Work Experience

22nd JulyRewards Trips

23rd July
Culture day
Last day of term
(1 pm finish)

NEXT WEEK WEEK 1



If you have any specific questions regarding the transfer of school to the Mulberry school Trust, please email

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

TOP TIPS FOR WORK • EXPERIENCE

Make sure to be on time— if your child has an unfamiliar route maybe take them for a practice journey

Students should wear smart clothes unless they hear otherwise— school trousers, shoes and skirts

Students should take their school bag rather than plastic shopping bag, this looks more professional

Phones shouldn't be out unless permitted

Encourage your child to step out of the comfort Zone and step in to help out

Encourage manners at all times



FIRST GIVE FINALS



On Wednesday, 10th July, Year 9 students participated in the Grand Final of their First Give fundraising competition. It was our best year yet, with students working for over two months on social actions and creative fundraising, for their chosen local charities.



Students presented their work to a panel of judges including last year's winners Tehilla and Kyia, Local Councillor Lotte Colett and our very own Deputy Headteacher and Head of English, Ms Sanford and Ms Cuthbert. Some of the social actions and initiatives that have taken place have been car washes, posters, bake and ice lolly sales and purple ribbon selling. The charities we worked with were:

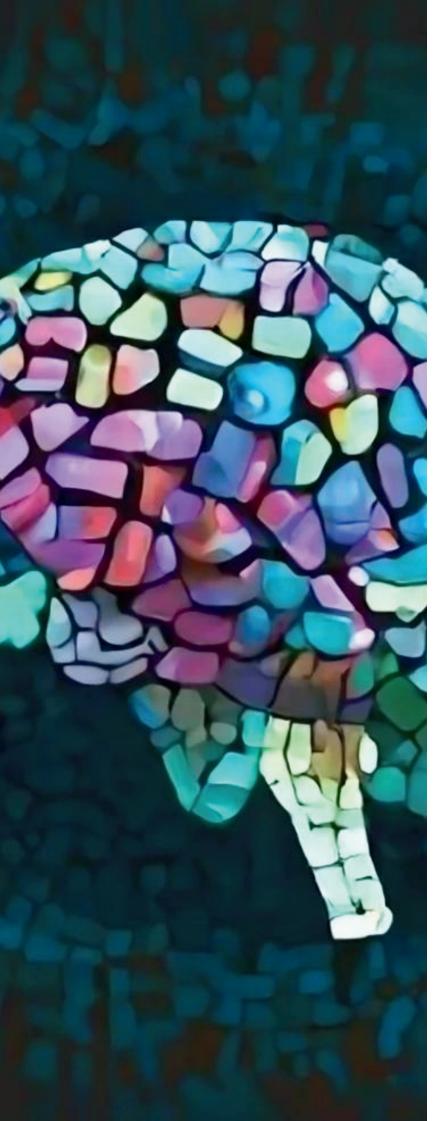
- 9E Daisy Chain (autism)
- 9Q North London Action for the Homeless
- 9U Hope in Haringey
- 9A Women's Trust
- 9L The Sick Children's Trust
- 9T Home-start Haringey
- 9Y Football Beyond Borders

We are delighted to congratulate Mr Vigor and 9A (particularly Sana, Riyaq, and Arif) for winning the challenge, and a grant of £1000 to Women's Trust!



Mawada (9E) and Elijah (9U) received special commendation for their presentation. Mawada impressed all of our judges with her heartfelt original poem on autism and neurodiversity.





Mosaic of Minds - Mawada Shire, 9E

There lies a truth we need to see in neurodiversity Some minds are wired with a different spark So we shouldn't make subtle remarks

Autism's light shines clear and bright A different spectrum of the same shared light Acceptance blooms were judgement fades In understanding love invades

To see the world in their bright eyes
Is to unveil a new sunrise
A tapestry of thoughts so rare
In their wisdom we can all share

In classrooms with chatter and cheer Some people hate voices reaching their ears For children who see the world anew A little help can bring them through

With gentle and patient care
We can make a space where we all flair
A hand to hold, A heart that sees
Someone who can tell it's not a disease

In structured days find their way
Predictable steps that guide their day
A quiet room soft and still
Where their feelings can all spill

Listen close observe the signs

To lead them where their greatest strengths reside

Embrace the spectrum cherish the view

In every mind find something new

SPORTS DAY 2024

What a day we had for the first Sports Day as Mulberry Academy Woodside! A day filled with excitement, records, and certainly rain!

In the morning session, Year 7 and Year 8 students battled it out for their form and house, despite the less-than-ideal conditions. Once all the events were finished, and after what seemed like an eternity of waiting, the results were in! 7Y and 8Y were both the winning forms, and Willow was the house that racked up the most points for both years.

After a short lunch break, it was Year 9 and Year 10's turn to take the stage—or track, we should say. At this point, the rain started drizzling, but the competition was still on and more competitive than ever! Records were being broken not just on the track but on the field as well. It felt like Paris 2024 had come early! The heavens opened up even more, and the relay races had to be called off due to the slipperiness of the back straight. Nonetheless, the scores were counted and we had the winners. 91 have now won all three Sports Days they have competed in, and a big congratulations to 10Q! Birch was the winning house for both Year 9 and Year 10.

A huge shoutout goes to the following record breakers: Jake Weekes, Aimen Abdul, and Selena Fang for 800m; Tyler Morgan and Sofia Akhtar for javelin; Mihaela Malanca and Maya Langford for long jump; Ciandrew Brown and Umaima Ali for shot put; Elona Sejdiaj for triple jump; Emilly, Sophia, Anisha, and Emily Joyce of 7Q for relay; and finally Levi Nti for the 100m sprint!!















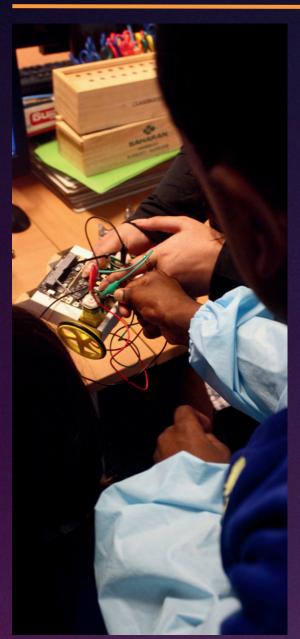
YEAR 10 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

Year 10 GCSE Art & Photography students had an amazing opportunity to attend workshops at Haringey 6th Form College this week. Art students learnt to screen print using photographs they had taken themselves, painting & collage techniques whilst photography students learnt that like our eyes, cameras register light and they were taken back in time before the digital age to learn how pinhole cameras worked.

Students also produced a series of photos using a darkroom experimenting with acetates, cyanotypes, digital cameras & Digital Macro.



PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT: STEM ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS



Recently, Mulberry Academy Woodside hosted exciting STEM Robotics sessions for primary school students, featuring two engaging workshops that sparked creativity and innovation.

In the first workshop, students had the opportunity to program NAO, a robot borrowed from the trust. The students successfully programmed NAO to perform various functions, including greeting each other, dancing, playing the saxophone, doing Tai Chi, and even impersonating an elephant. Each student created their own program, showcasing their ability to get NAO to execute specific tasks.

Mr. Cole's robotics session involved students building Kitronic cars from scratch. Using MicroBits, they coded the cars and raced them against each other. The students handled everything from wiring the motor connections to inserting batteries and implementing the code for specific functions. Each primary school was thrilled to take their built Kitronic car back with them.

These workshops not only provided hands-on experience with robotics and programming but also ignited a passion for STEM subjects in our young visitors. It was a fantastic opportunity for primary students to explore the exciting world of robotics and engineering at Mulberry Academy Woodside.









At the beginning of Year 9, me and a group of other girls in my year took part in a workshop with Solace Women's Aid that helped develop our understanding about healthy relationships and peer on peer abuse.

We have continued this workshop into Year 10 and recently were asked to create a short film educating teachers and parents about these issues for Solace Women's Aid. On Tuesday 9th of July we worked with a film company and started our filming with a producer, videographer and director who helped create our scripts.

This film will be used in teacher training and we hope it will make teachers and parents understand that a lot more happens in school even if the students don't talk about it

- Tehillah Osei Afriyie (Year 10 Young Change Maker)

YEAR7

Wellbeing Resilience Programme

The last of the Year 7 Girls Group Presentations took place this week in the WBR. This programme helps KS3 students build confidence, resilience, and self-esteem and promotes emotional wellbeing. Students delivered excellent presentations in the Wellbeing Room and received certificates from SLT. Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed the Wellbeing programme.















Sixteen of our fantastic
Year 7 students were
selected to participate in a
race car building
workshop. The workshop
introduced them to the
exciting world of design,
technology, and
engineering. Once the race
cars were built, the
students had the
opportunity to compete
against each other for the
House Captain Race Car
Championship title.

Congratulations to Merdan who won gold with his impressive fast and furious skills!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Music Department had a very busy week last week. The Year 10 Musicians had an opportunity to watch high quality 'A' Level musicians perform at LAET on Tuesday 25th June 2024. It was uplifting and enjoyable watching the whole performance and we had a bonus surprise as ex pupils from Woodside were also performing on stage.

The drama and music department also had the pleasure of taking both Year 9 and 10 to the Theatre on Wednesday 26th June 2024 to watch 'Two Strangers' (Carry a Cake Across New York). Again, it was only two cast members who demonstrated great stage presence, vocal agility and monologue scenes that engaged the audience. Thank you to Ms Alpdogan, Ms Campbell and Ms Downer for making it possible.



Finally, please can we congratulate an ex-pupil 'Taylor Harvey' who started learning the bass guitar during the pandemic and is now performing at the 'Ronnie Scotts' with her band. We are very proud of her achievements and impressed with her musical intellect and stage presence. Very proud!







Culture Day

On **Tuesday 23rd July**, Mulberry Academy Woodside will be hosting its first ever Culture Day. This event has been highly anticipated amongst students and staff and is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their pride for their own and others cultural heritage and traditions.

Students may wear cultural dress, if your child does not have any traditional cultural clothes, they may come into school wearing the colours from a national flag of interest or importance to them or school uniform.

Students will **NOT** be allowed to wear crop tops, tracksuit bottoms or hoodies. If your child comes into school wearing any of the above-mentioned items, they will be sent home to change.

Student may bring in dishes to share with peers in form time and to ensure everyone is receiving a wide range of culinary experiences, please encourage your child to bring in delicious delicacies from their country to be shared amongst other students in their form. Ingredients such as nuts, eggs etc should be labelled.

This day will be a fantastic opportunity for students to express themselves and learn about others and we are all very excited to learn more about the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our school community.

There will be a special assembly on that day.

Mulberry Academy Woodside

END OF YEAR

SURVERY

Parents and Carers, please take part in our end of year survey by scanning the QR Code below or use the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJExXJZmKQN9eMPlt d--G007170K4dc_wcQhHvAfxDIie7Qg/viewform





DID YOU ATTEND WOODSIDE OR HAVE A FAMILY FRIEND OR CHILD WHO DID?

Please contact Faizul Islam

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to be added to our mailing list about meetups,
jobs and opportunities to support the work we
did or just to let us know how you're getting on.



FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11

TUTORING IN GCSE ENGLISH AND GCSE MATHS



Tutoring delivered by experienced teachers

Students that receive free school meals are eligible for this programme

Sign up by Monday
29TH JULY 2024

