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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy Friday to all our families who attended both the Year 9 options evening and our Year 8 parents evening.

The sun has been out, and students have been enjoying the outdoors. Students in Year 7-9, including our gardening elective, spent Thursday morning planting daffodils in White Hart Lane Recreation Ground along with The Conservation Volunteers, a local charity. We expect them to flower over the next month, so do look out. Being outdoors and learning in nature is incredibly important for young people's skills and well-being. A gardening club takes place, and over the spring period, students will be able to drop in to help out. We also have an exciting project with Eat Wood Green that will involve workshops with all our Year 7 students, teaching them how to grow at home.

Well done to all our Year 11 students who have successfully completed their first week of mock examinations.

Careers Week has been a fantastic showcase of the future careers that young people may want to explore. The Year 9 carousel saw employers from a range of sectors, including the NHS, policing, media, finance, and research. Year 10s were treated to a really informative assembly from Lloyds Bank.

World Book Day has also been an opportunity to celebrate a love and joy of reading. Year 9 students were all gifted a book, selected from the top recommended reads nationally for their age group. Students are encouraged to read and share. We also had two author visits where students excelled in their questions and curiosity.

Year 9 and 10 students are off on a visit to Spain next week. We wish them all the best for an exciting week ahead.

Next Monday is International Women's Day, which is open to all females in our community. If you would like to come along for an afternoon tea and talk, you are very welcome. On Wednesday, we are hosting our Iftar, open to all students and families from 5:30pm, with a free meal provided for all at this event. If you are interested in either, please email faizul.islam@woodsidehighschool.co.uk.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES

3rd - 14th March Year 11 mock exams

> **10th March** national Women's

International Women's Day Afternoon Tea

> **12th March** Iftar at school 17:30 - 18:45

17th - 21st March Year 10 assessment week

18th MarchNewroz Celebration
Lunch time C008

27th MarchYear 11 Final Drama Practical
Fxam

7th - 14th April Easter Break

NEXT WEEK WEEK 1



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

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Students explore careers opportunities during National Careers Week

From 3rd to 7th March, students at Mulberry Academy Woodside took part in the biggest, boldest and most engaging and thought-provoking Careers Week yet, packed with inspiring talks and interactive workshops designed to broaden their horizons and help them consider their future pathways.

Year 9 Careers Fair

On Wednesday, as part of National Careers Week, year 9's had a brilliant opportunity to be part of our largest Careers Fair in Woodside history. Students carouselled around each stall learning about different jobs and pathways, and the routes to them. Guests were incredibly impressed by the engagement and enthusiasm our year 9 students displayed, showing great and genuine interest and curiosity of life the world of work and careers as a whole.

Students were treated to a range of different professionals, employers and employees coming to speak to them about their chosen careers. This included medical doctors, solicitors, nurses, civil servants, construction workers, beauty therapists and much much more.

The day was full of inspiration with our inquisitive year 9s truly exploring how different professions work and the overlap between one another. It was a wonderful experience for our curious year 9s who learnt a lot and had a lot of fun from it as well.





MP visits Mulberry Societies students to discuss careers in politices and civil service

On Thursday, year 9 students and student councillors were privileged to have a visit from Bambos Charalambous, Member of Parliament for Southgate and Wood Green. Bambos discussed careers in politics and civil service. Engaged students asked questions ranging from what they could do in their schools and communities, the routes to become a politician and even the price of Freddos!

It was a fruitful and brilliant opportunity to get first hand knowledge on the life of an MP andcareers in politics and public service as a whole giving inspiration for our students on how to make a difference and use their voices for the better.

In a letter to our Headteacher (see next page), Mr. Charalambous praised our Year 9s for their eagerness and insightful questions.

Special thanks to Mr. Ali and Ms. Ozcan for organising Careers Week, giving students a great experience exploring future job opportunities. Mr. Ali also wrote many of the articles for careers week, capturing the week's highlights.

Mock trials at London Metropolian University

The careers trip to Metropolitan University gave students valuable insight into higher education and the legal system. They took part in a mock trial, stepping into roles like lawyers, judges, and jurors, gaining hands-on experience in courtroom procedures, critical thinking, and public speaking. The visit also encouraged them to explore career paths in law and criminal justice.



BAMBOS CHARALAMBOUS MP

Member of Parliament for Southgate and Wood Green



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6 March 2025

Dear Ms Angela Wallace,

Re: Visit Today

Thank you for welcoming me to Mulberry Academy Woodside this morning.

It was a pleasure to meet the Year 9 students as they prepare to study for their GCSEs and I enjoyed our discussion on the subjects or careers they are interested in. I would like to wish them all the best of luck with their studies.

It was wonderful to be asked so many insightful and educated questions, including regarding the cost of living crisis. I noted the interest shown by the students in improvements they would like to make and how they could represent themselves. I commend the Year 9s for being so eager to engage with and learn about politics, and was glad to explain how Parliament works and what a typical day at work is like for me.

Please find with this letter the two lanyards that we were issued by reception, which I did not get a chance to give back to you.

Thank you again for having me visit the school and I look forward to coming back again in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Bambos Charalambous MP



Inclusive Futures with Lloyd's Insuarance market

As part of their new Inclusive Futures initiative, representatives from the Lloyd's insurance market delivered an assembly exploring careers in finance. This is the opening of a 10-year partnership with Lloyds, as their sole representative in the borough of Haringey. Students were given an introduction into insurance and the world of work - a virtual tour of Lloyds of London, and treated to a keynote speech from the head of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion at Lloyds on just how important it is to promote more inclusive policies in big corporations.

Careers workshop with Police Enforcement

Some of our year 8 students had opportunity participate in police workshop. Purpose of the workshop is to introduce the role of law enforcement within the community and the importance of good decision-making. The workshop also provides an opportunity for students to ask questions and build positive relationships with officers. By engaging with law enforcement at a young age, students gain valuable knowledge about safety and community responsibility.





Green Careers Assembly

Joe McFadden from GetZero delivered an amazing presentation to Year 8 students. The assembly highlighted careers in renewable energy, conservation, eco-friendly engineering, and sustainable business practices.

Students learnt about the importance of tackling climate change, reducing waste, and developing innovative solutions for a greener future. By exploring green careers early, students are encouraged to consider careers opportunities in sustainability and how they can contribute to a more sustainable world.

Formula 1 Exhibition STEM trip



Some of our Y10 STEM Racing
Academy students along with our Y7
STEM Ambassador had the chance to
attend the Formula 1 Exhibition at
London ExCel, thanks to the
Tottenham Hotspur Foundation who
supplied us with the free entry tickets.

The exhibition included six principle rooms, each specially commissioned for the show and produced in partnership with award winning curators, artists and filmmakers offering a unique perspective on the extraordinary story of Formula 1.

The students got to experience a journey through some of the sport's most defining moments which featured iconic race cars, rare artefacts and interviews with the sport's most renowned personalities.

The students also got a rare glimpse into how Formula 1 teams meticulously develop the different elements of each seasons's new car which features a range of individual parts and components.

Understanding of how aerodynamics



plays such a key role with contributions from Williams Racing, Stake F1 Team, Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team, McLaren and Pirelli.

The students also had the opportunity to test their reaction times on starting lights. The average reaction time for Michael Schumacher was 0.16 seconds!

Did you know that 1/100th second advantage off the lights gives racers a 3 metres advantage.

World Book Day at Woodside!



















MAW Debaters Rise to the Challenge

On 6th March, seven Year 7 students took part in the next round of Debate Mate at Hornsey School for Girls, competing in two thought-provoking debates. They demonstrated impressive confidence, quick thinking, and strong argumentation skills against tough opponents.

The first motion, "Rehabilitation over retribution," was a closely contested debate, with our team narrowly missing victory by just one point. The second debate, an unprepared motion on "Banning celebrity brands and influencers," pushed students to think on their feet—and they rose to the challenge, securing a well-earned win.

Reflecting on the experience, Layla shared, "It was good, and I was surprised we won the unprepared round because it was harder, but I was upset that we lost the first by just one point."

A fantastic effort from all involved, showing resilience, adaptability, and a real passion for debating.



Year 7 Basketball team compete across the Haringey Borough

The year 7 boys came ready to shoot competing in a year seven tournament involving all Scot hoops across the Haringey Borough. After losing their first match in the group stages, the boys came out ready to fight for this next win anllowing them to secure a place in the semifinals. There were some amazing play from our students, including assists, layups and Santana scoring Two three-point shots (the crowd went wild). The boys placed fourth overall and was so close to third.

Massive congratulations to them on their first competitive basketball tournament. We look forward to hearing about their next successes as a team.

Bulgarian Cultural Society Kicks Off with Liberation Day Celebration



The Bulgarian Cultural Society launched this week, running every Tuesday from 3:10 to 4:00 pm. The first session celebrated Bulgarian Liberation Day with traditional snacks, music, and Martenitsa bracelets symbolizing health and prosperity. The club provides a welcoming space to explore Bulgarian heritage, traditions, and language. Open to all, whether you have Bulgarian roots or simply want to learn more, sessions take place every Tuesday.

Students Bring Green Spaces to Life



On Thursday, students from Years 7-9, including the gardening elective, teamed up with The Conservation Volunteers to plant daffodils at White Hart Lane Recreation Ground. These blooms should appear next month—keep an eye out!

Gardening is a great way to build skills and boost well-being, and students can get involved through our gardening club this spring. We're also excited to partner with Eat Wood Green for Year 7 workshops on growing food at home. More green projects ahead!

Policy Consultation HAVE YOUR SAY!

We are currently reviewing our RSE and Anti-Bullying Policies.

If you have any comments or suggestions please email laura.sanford@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

Consultation on this policy will close at the end of term.



Scan the QR code or use the link to view the anti-bullying policy.

https://www.mulberrywoodsi de.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/03/R SE-Policy.pdf



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Rewards Breakfast: Celebrating Positive Behaviour

Every Thursday, students with two or fewer conduct points for the year so far are invited to a special rewards breakfast - a well deserved recognition of their dedication and positive attitude.

Well done to all who have earned their place, and keep up the great work!



Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only and you will need to take a photo or scan of it to send electronically.

Work must be original and created by the student(s) - please do not use any templates.

Secondary special competition category -The scientists from UCL (University College London) need your help! Choose an indoor public space where you often spend time - this could be an area where you learn, or a place you visit regularly like a library, café or cinema.

Do you think the air in this space is healthy and clean? Why? Come up with an idea or invention to change the air in your chosen space, making it healthier to breathe. How will it work? Could it be used in other public places too?

More info on: https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/

•YOUR POSTER MUST BE:

- 1. Creativity in approach You might have a brandnew idea, or you might come up with something that already exists but re-imagined in a unique or creative way.
- 2. Scientific content Your ideas should be clear, accurate and in line with your level of learning.
- 3. Research content You might carry out some research first, to inform your thinking, and this should be reflected in your entry.
- 4. Viability Could your idea work? Can you explain how? Show or explain how it would it change the air in your chosen space and make it healthier!
- 5. Presentation and effective communication Aim to present your idea in a way that is clear, logical and easy to understand. Think about the way you set out your ideas and the use of text and images. You could create a poster, a set of instructions or a diagram think about the best way to showcase your thinking!

- Entries will be open to young people aged 11-14, 14-16 (Ash, Birch, Cedar, and
- 14-16 (Ash, Birch, Cedar, and Willow).
- Submit your poster to Dr Hasan in the Science Department BY FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025.

The poster will be judged by a panel of judges in School.

- •25 praise points for each valid entry.
- 50 Praise points for the finalist.Amazon vouchers for each winner from each year group.
- The winning poster (s) will be submitted for the national competition

HOUSE NEWS















1520



1200



1380



1160

Weekly Praise Winner -2777 pts



Weekly Attendance Winner -93.5%



Riddle Quiz Winner: WILLOW

This week's in Action

You can support you child with this by:

- Knowing their strengths Help your child recognise their strengths and focus on improving in other areas.
- Studying together Review their schoolwork and homework together, showing learning is a shared effort.
- Joining clubs and activities Encourage your child to join clubs or try new activities to build confidence.
- Focusing on their effort Praise effort and perseverance, not just the outcome.
- Practicing positive self-talk Teach your child to replace negative thoughts with positive affirmations.

These tips can help you support your child's growth and learning to ensure they are successful in their learning journey.



TOP 10 WHOLE SCHOOL PRAISE STUDENTS

NAME	PRAISE POINTS
Lili OUAZZA (8Q)	210
Princessamira ABDULLAHI (8Q)	185
Isaac WAPPLES (7Q)	106
Ellie TRATTOU (7A)	76
Ruzgar SAGLAM (7U)	72
Seth WALMSLEY (7T)	71
Periklis MALLIOPOULOS (9T)	56
Mohammed Ayyan SOFIAN (7Q)	56
Soren WAPPLES (7Y)	56
Layla MEAH (7A)	55



Year 8 Shoutouts

Suleyman and Quazi for for always having his BIG 6 and ready for the day.

Lili for consistently displaying the school values and always being fully equipped and Ethan for improved behaviour and focus.

Majid for being helpful with the daily register, Malarno for improving uniform standards

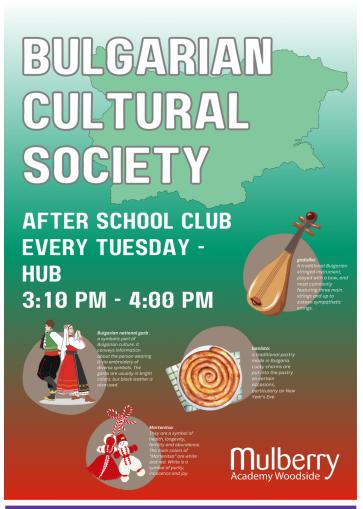
Naz for being respectful, organised and helpful.Layla for showing dedication and a love for reading and helping me with my display.

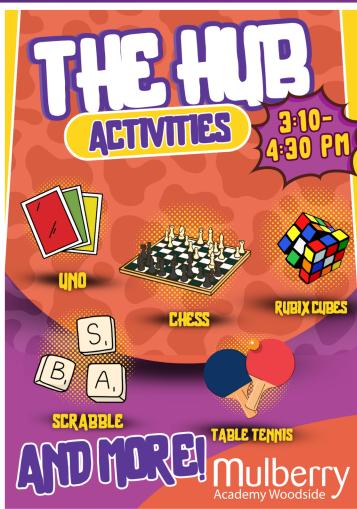
Emir for being respectful in form and Aaliyah for reading in form.

Bryan and Ellie, for always doing the right thing, being responsible and trying their best to take part in lots of extracurricular activities. Always ready to learn

Yasmine for making a positive start to her new form. Preston for improved uniform.

Hakan for always being ready to learn and upholding the school values.
Tasfia for improved behaviour and showing respect to staff.









The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

Well done on an excellent week with the exams. Everyone has commented on how brilliant you have been with your conduct and behaviour with these exams. You really have been a credit to yourselves.

Please check below to see your exams next week.

Mr Davis

College Interviews

Some of you are now receiving interviews for college. All interviews if at all possible need to be after school, if your not sure then please come and see Mr Davis.

Period 7 & Key 30 & morning Maths

A reminder next week there will be no Key 30 lessons, Period 7 and the morning Maths intervention. Please come straight to line up each morning.

Exam breakfast is available each morning / revision space in the Ash Canteen from 8am-8.35am

General Timetable, Year 11 Mock - March 2025

Week 2 beginning Monday 10th March 2025				
	Morning exams start 8.40am	Mid-Morning exams start 11.10am	Afternoon exams start 1.30pm	
Monday 10 th March	Combined Science Chemistry (170) F:1 hour 10 minutes H:1 hour 45 minut Separate Science Chemistry (58) 1 hou [10 minutes extended break for higher	ar 45 minutes Sports Hall/Support	Business Studies Paper 2 -hour 45 minutes (77) Sports Hall/Support	
Tuesday 11 th March	Maths calculator paper 3 1hour 30minutes (228) Sports Hall/Support	Film Studies Paper 2 Narrative, Representation and Film style 1hour 30minutes (26) Sports Hall/Support	Citizenship 1 hour 45 minutes (24) Sports Hall/Support	
Wednesday 12 th March	Geography Paper 3 - Geographical Exploration 1 hour 30 minutes (147) Sports Hall/Support	GCSE PE (22) Paper 2 - 1 hour Sports Hall/Support BTEC Sports Component 3 (13)	BTEC Enterprise - 2 hours (13) Sports Hall/Support	
Thursday 13 th March	Combined Science Physics (170) F:1 hour 10 minutes H:1 hour 45 minutes Separate Science Physics (58) 1 hour 45 minutes Sports Hall/Support [10 minutes extended break for higher and Separate students	History paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany - 1 hour 20 minutes + 10 mins reading time (55) Sports Hall/Support	Computer Science Paper 2 Computational thinking 1hour 30minutes (59) Sports Hall/Support	
riday 14 th March	French/Spanish writing + MFL F:1 hour 10 minutes (32/31) H:1 hour 20 minutes (36/43) Sports Hall/Support	Drama component 3 1hour 30minutes (32) Sports Hall/Support	BTEC Health and Social Care - 2 hours (44) Sports Hall/Support	

This is the exam timetable for Monday March 3 until Friday 14 March. You need to be on-time to all exams.

On Thursday - unless you have a computer science exam J side can leave at 1.30pm (11E, Q, U and A)

On Friday - unless you have the BTEC Health and Social Care exam K side can leave at 1.30pm (11L, I, T and Y)



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are <u>underlined</u>.

OPPORTUNITIES

Happy <u>National Careers Week 2025</u>! National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance and provide talks and activities to support you toe develop awareness and excitement about your future pathways.

You can search #NCW2025 on social media to find events from organisations and employers.



From 3rd-8th March, you can access the <u>Virtual NCW2025</u> <u>Careers Fair</u>. You do not need to register to take part and their are 100s of opportunities for you to read about, apply to and take part in.

BBC Bitesize have a <u>suite of resources</u> that can help you to consider your future career. Here are some of our favourite resrouces:



- Quiz Which apprenticeship would suit you best?
- Quiz How could Al affect your job?
- Watch <u>Dr Ranj swaps jobs with Radio 1 DJ Charlie Tee</u> can they smash it in a totally different role?
- Meet three young people who <u>turned their passions and</u> <u>interests into jobs</u>.



Are you considering a career in Activism? Check out <u>this</u> <u>"Planted with Purpose" Substack</u> which is updated weekly with opportunities like work experience and internships. You can <u>subscribe here</u> for updates.



<u>"Your Guide to Apprenticeships 2025"</u> is a recorded webinar run during National Apprenticeship Week. The session is brought to you by Not Going to Uni and features Bentley Motors, ICAEW, BAE Systems and the MET Police who share more information on their apprenticeship programmes.

If you have any questions or need support, please email serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK



Historian

A historian is a scholar or expert who studies and writes about the past. Historians seek to understand and interpret historical events, trends, and developments by examining various sources of evidence.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know that the employment rate is different for people who have been to university vs people who haven't?

The employment rate for uni graduates is 87.7% vs the non graduate which is 69.7%.

Source: UCAS 14



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



OuterCircle have an online community for aspiring apprentices. They also run a range of events, upcoming sessions are with NHS, British Airways and In2Science. You can access the information on their events and community here.



Have you heard the term "contextual offers" when is comes to university applications? You might be wondering what this means and if it's something you should be considering. Here is a guide from UCAS about contextual offers.



If you don't meet the criteria for contextual offers, there may still be scholarships, grants and bursaries that you are eligible for. You can learn more and find opportunities on The Scholarship Hub.



If you're still deciding whether or not university is for you, we would recommend taking part in a <u>University Summer School</u>. This allows you to stay in university accommodation, take part in taster lectures and see what uni life is like. You can find a lot of opportunities using <u>UniTasterDays</u> or search the name of a specific university that you're interested in followed by the term "summer school" to find more information.



<u>From High School to Uni's student guide</u> is designed to be your ultimate companion to help you transition to university. From not knowing what to pack, to how to get organised preparing for university, or even how to create a budget to help you plan and manage your finances.



Tescos and The King's Trust have come together to bring you the "<u>Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship</u>" programme. The apprenticeship is delivered entirely in store and takes a minimum of 12 months to complete. You'll spend time doing a range of activities such as marketing, business and technology and completing learning on a tablet device you're provided with. This is a level 2 apprenticeship, which is equivalent to 5 GCSE passes. You can read more here.

If you have any questions or need support, please email serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At Tesco, we welcome diversity, individuality and uniqueness. We're building an inclusive workplace, where we actively celebrate the cultures, personalities and preferences of our colleagues who share the same purpose, to serve our customers, communities and planet a little better every day,."

Read more about <u>Tescos</u> Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At Birmingham, we encourage bold, independent thinking and offer a high-quality academic experience to stretch and challenge you. By studying with us, you will be an active part of a diverse university community as you pursue your own interests and develop the career path that's right for you." Read more about University of Birmingham's Courses <u>here</u>.