



**WOODSIDE
VOICE**

WOODSIDE SHARED VALUES

**Exceptional education and
experiences: every child, every day.**

WE WILL

Have **PRIDE** in everything we do
and who we are



RESPECT people for who they are



Demonstrate **KINDNESS** and
support each other

Mulberry
Academy Woodside

Headteacher's Messgae

Welcome to our termly edition of the Mulberry Academy Woodside voice. As we enjoy the summer term and reflect on the past year, we are incredibly proud of all the achievements of our students and staff.

This edition highlights our focus on community, belonging, and exceptional experiences. Our students have engaged in diverse activities, from their first residential trips to representing young people on the BBC and in Parliament. Celebrating various aspects of our community has underscored the importance of belonging and social responsibility.

These enriching experiences, combined with excellent learning and teaching, are preparing our students to become global citizens of the future. We hope you enjoy reading this quarter's edition, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff, students, families, and outside agencies who have made these opportunities possible.



Ms. Angela Wallace
Headteacher



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WOMEN'S DAY

#InspireInclusion

Celebrating

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Woodside welcomed two exceptional women, Councillor Lucia das Neves and Police Detective Nadya de Villiers, for an inspiring International Women's Day event. Their powerful stories of leadership and resilience left a lasting impression on us all. Councillor das Neves offered valuable insights from her journey in public service, while Detective de Villiers captivated us with inspiring tales from her career in law enforcement. Their presence underscored the strength of determination and the crucial need to champion equality.

In addition to these empowering talks, students had the chance to express their gratitude to influential individuals in their lives. They wrote heartfelt cards to those who have inspired and shaped them. Each student also received a certificate to present to their own inspirational role model, honouring the guidance and support they have received on their personal journeys. This event not only celebrated the achievements of these remarkable women but also empowered our students to recognise and appreciate the inspiring figures in their own lives.





MP OPENS WOODSIDE'S NEW CANTEEN

Mulberry Academy Woodside celebrated the opening of its new after-school and canteen provision on Friday, 17th May, with Catherine West MP. The launch was attended by the Hornsey and Wood Green MP, governors, and community organisations.

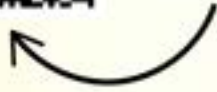
This new facility extends school hours for secondary pupils. During the event, students showcased a range of extracurricular activities, including the Mulberry STEM project with Mercedes-Benz, which allowed them to meet Formula 1 star Lewis Hamilton. Other projects presented included Parliament visits, Duke of Edinburgh trips, debate groups, and positive masculinity workshops with author Jeffrey Boakye.

Catherine West MP praised the initiative, emphasising the importance of safe, supportive spaces for learning and fun. Headteacher Angela Wallace highlighted the mission to provide exceptional education and experiences, stressing the value of safe spaces and extended learning opportunities for the community.





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SKY NEWS VISITS WOODSIDE

Tender, a charity promoting and educating young people on healthy relationships, have been working in partnership with Woodside for over five years. The workshops form a significant part of the Personal Development Curriculum, allowing students to role play complex scenarios.

Showcasing Tender's work, Sky News came to film and report on the workshops. The news piece highlighted the importance of Tender's work of educating young people about healthy relationships to prevent abuse and violence towards women and girls.



This workshop highlighted the importance of early intervention in addressing issues related to abuse and violence. By equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to recognise and respond to unhealthy behaviors, Tender seeks to create a culture of respect and consent from a young age.





LAET



RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Over the Spring break, 32 Year 11s from four different schools in Tottenham, including Mulberry Academy Woodside, attended a revision residential with London Academy of Excellence Tottenham's Chrysalis East programme. The three-day event included intensive revision sessions in Maths, English Literature, English Language and the three Sciences, as well as activities like Laser Tag, a climbing wall, a blindfolded obstacle course in the woods and campfires each night complete with marshmallows and a final night talent show, all in the Hertfordshire countryside.

The following piece of writing was "Inspired by the camp sight, each night we would light a fire and toast our marshmallows!"

The sun began to doze, and the blazing stars shone bright, illuminating the night.

Their laughter escaped with each breath they took, echoing the deep woods. The sweetest air filled their noses; a sweet sugary, crispy, marshmallow type.

The darkness of the forest strangled the camp, a stomach wrenching fear of the unknown, was shoved aside by the crackling warm and lit fire.

Rigerta Limaja, Year 11



A WEEKEND AWAY IN WALES

The annual trip to Pendarren House was as exciting and enjoyable as ever! The Year 8s spent the weekend in the Brecon Beacons, in Wales, exploring the landscape, experiencing new activities and having a fantastic time.

The trip encouraged the students to connect more with nature, learn new skills and enjoy being away from the city. Our students canoed, hiked, ziplined, explored the caves of Pen y Fan and sat around a campfire where they shared their favourite moment from the trip. Their behaviour throughout this trip exemplified the Woodside values of Pride, Respect and Kindness.



STEINWAY MASTERCLASS WITH ALEXIS FFRENCH



Five students from Woodside attended a Steinway Masterclass led by Alexis FFrench, a classical- soul pioneer and pianist. The session offered an enriching experience as students listened to Finch's performances and actively engaged in discussions on music composition.

A highlight of the event was the collaborative composition of an original piece with Finch. This hands-on opportunity allowed students to showcase their creativity and left them inspired to continue their musical journey. The masterclass underscored the power of music to unite and inspire, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated.



Football Beyond Borders

'BRAVE NEW WORLD EVENT' AT
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM

Pupils from Mulberry Academy Woodside attended the Football Beyond Borders (FBB) Annual Showcase, "Brave New World," at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on 7th June.

The event was organised to celebrate FBB's 10th anniversary alongside partners Nike and EA Sports. The evening was filled with inspiring moments, including highlights of amazing young people from across the country sharing their journeys and experiences with FBB. They spoke passionately about the power of trusted adult relationships and the significant role FBB has played in their lives, this included Fernando (pictured) who is now mentoring our Year 8 pupils at Mulberry Academy Woodside.

Their stories underscored the importance of our mission and the transformative impact of our work. Pupils listened to the ever-inspiring Chelsea and Matildas star Sam Kerr who reaffirmed the importance of trusted adults for young people and the power of EAFC in shaping young people's attitudes to society.





Author Visit: Tim Tilley

On Friday, 7th June, Woodside welcomed author Tim Tilley for an inspiring workshop. Tilley shared his passion for storytelling with Year 7 students, discussing his inspiration, research, and creative process. He also read an excerpt from his debut novel, *Harklights*, and suggested follow-up activities to encourage their writing.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were thrilled to receive signed copies of *Harklights*. Tilley's visit left them inspired and eager to explore their own storytelling potential. We extend our gratitude to Tim Tilley for his time and enthusiasm.



Journey Through History



On Friday, our Year 9 and future GCSE history students embarked on an engaging history trip, visiting the Charles Dickens Museum and the Royal Courts of Justice. At the Charles Dickens Museum, they explored Dickens's home and learned about his life, as well as Victorian crime and punishment. A workshop helped them understand the different laws for criminals during that era.

The trip continued at the Royal Courts of Justice, where students took part in a mock trial for the Artful Dodger, experiencing the Victorian judicial system firsthand. They also saw historical artifacts like the Marshalsea prison's grille.

Overall, the trip was educational and engaging, deepening our students' understanding of Victorian society and its complexities.



Mulberry Arts Conference - Rightful Place



On Thursday, 2nd May, Ms Campbell and Miss Caruso took some of our drama students to the Mulberry Arts Conference - Rightful Place, Empowering the Next Generation in Exploring Careers in Production Arts.

The conference broadened the understanding of production art roles and the industry as a whole. The students were provided with valuable insights, networking opportunities, and skill development in the field of production arts.

Our students took part in lighting, sound, visual effects, and design workshops.

In addition, the students were fortunate to participate in a Q&A session with Marius Ronning, Head of Production at the Royal Court Theatre; Khadija Raza, Set and Costume Designer; Jaime Harrison, Illusions and Visual Effects Designer; Rajiv Pattani, Lighting Designer and Technician; Leelu Dallas King, Sound Designer; and Mica Taylor, Company Manager at the Royal Court Theatre.

Our Year 8 students Hamza Arale, Elona Sejdiaj, and Olivia Nugaras all took centre stage and asked the panelists insightful questions. The event showcased the Mulberry Schools Trust's commitment to equity for our young people.



Headteacher's REWARD TRIP

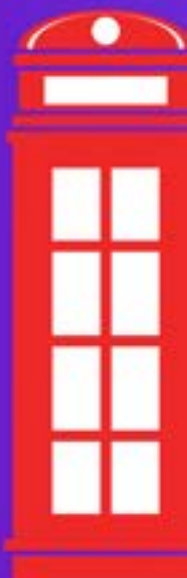


On 26th March, Ms Wallace and twenty students went on a reward trip to the Terrible Thames: Horrible Histories boat tour on the Thames.

The qualifying students displayed great conduct during the entire trip. Apart from experiencing a lovely journey down the River Thames, they also discovered some fascinating facts about London through the ages.

Students travelled up and down the river on the Horrible Histories Live Onboard. They learned about the sewer system in Victorian England, the history of the Gunpowder Plot, and other intriguing facts about London.

The trip left our students with a greater appreciation for the rich history of their city. Everyone returned with newfound knowledge and cherished memories of an enjoyable day out.





NEWROZ CELEBRATIONS



Newroz, the Kurdish New Year, is a delightful spring festival cherished across many cultures spanning the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia. It's a time of renewal and optimism deeply rooted in the traditions of Zoroastrianism. During Newroz, people gather outdoors for festivities, indulge in delicious feasts, and take part in meaningful rituals such as leaping over bonfires.

However, Newroz is more than just a cultural event; it holds profound historical and political significance for Kurdish communities. It symbolises their enduring spirit in the face of adversity, reflecting their resilience against oppression.

On the 18th of March, Woodside came alive with the vibrant celebrations of Newroz. Students, staff, and parents joined hands to create a memorable afternoon filled with music, food, and plenty of joyful dancing.



Iftar

A T W O O D S I D E

On 20th March, Woodside hosted its first Iftar, to which both Muslim and non-Muslim students, parents, carers, and staff were warmly invited. Iftar is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. They break their fast at the time of the call to the evening prayer.

Just after breaking their fast, the pupils prayed the sunset prayers (maghrib) in congregation, led by Faisal Alizadeh in Year 10. This was followed by a delicious dinner catered by our school caterers. The event was beautiful, and parents and students are hoping it is the first of many.



YEAR 10 WORKSHOP AND OPEN DAY AT CITY & ISLINGTON COLLEGE

Year 10 students ventured to City and Islington College for a workshop and open day, as part of our initiative to provide early exposure to post-16 options.

During their visit, they received industry focused talks from subject leaders in IT and Business, offering a glimpse into potential future courses. This visit is the first of a series planned every fortnight throughout the summer term, designed to help our Year 10 students make informed decisions about their educational pathways after finishing their GCSEs.



KEY 25 TRIP TO CREATIVE CAREERS CONFERENCE

On 8 May, our Key 25 group of Year 10 students were afforded the opportunity to visit a conference centred around creative career pathways hosted by the Careers Hub at the British Library. Students were invited to a panel discussion from careers leaders at creative companies such as The Old Vic, PlayStation and more.

Students also completed breakout workshops in podcasting and print journalism hosted by BAFTA and the BBC. Closing the event was an expansive careers fair where our ambitious Woodsiders were able to speak to industry professionals and network. Special praise for Najah (10L) and Serine (10Y) who pitched their podcast idea to an audience, and all of our students for asking interesting questions to the professionals panel.



STUDENT COUNCIL VISIT HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT



Our Student Council went to witness democracy in action at the House of Parliament, on 30th April, where they explored the historic House of Lords and Commons.

This insightful tour not only provided them with a firsthand look at the UK legislative process but also included a hands-on learning experience where they conducted their own parliamentary debate.

The debate focused on the topic of whether free public transport for under 18s should become law, engaging our budding political leaders in critical thinking and public speaking.





MET Police TSG Workshop

The Territorial Support Group (TSG) from the Metropolitan Police visited Woodside working with Year 9 students on the 25th March, providing a unique insight into the workings of the police and how they support our community.

Officers shared their experiences, shed light on their roles and responsibilities, and answered a range of questions from curious students.

Students had the hands-on opportunity to try out police equipment, enhancing their understanding of the tools and technology used in law enforcement. This engaging encounter offered a real-world glimpse into the life of a police officer.



YEAR 9 BOYS ENGAGE WITH POWERFUL THEMES IN "FOR BLACK BOYS"

Two groups of Year 9 boys recently attended the Garrick Theatre's production of "For Black Boys..". The play, exploring themes of black masculinity, left a lasting impact on the students.

Following the performance, they had an exciting photo opportunity with one of the main cast members, enhancing their memorable outing and sparking meaningful conversations about identity and society.



YEAR 9 & 10 GIRLS ATTEND FEMALE LEAD CAREERS CONFERENCE

Our Year 9 and 10 girls attended an evening careers conference run by The Female Lead in South Kensington. Keynote speakers were prominent female role models from various industries, including the CEO of GCHQ and directors at Vogue and EA.

This opportunity allowed our students to engage directly with influential figures, gaining insights into their professional journeys and advice for their own futures.

The event concluded with a networking and book signing session, where many students had their books signed by the speakers, which they took back to show their peers.

CAREERS FAIR



Ambition was in the air for our Year 9 students, who took part in a careers fair as part of our National Careers Week activities at Mulberry Academy Woodside.

This event offered them a unique chance to explore a variety of career paths, hearing directly from professionals in fields such as construction, journalism, policing, teaching, and more. Industry experts shared their experiences and insights, providing valuable information about their day-to-day roles and the skills needed to succeed in their professions.

Students engaged in interactive sessions, gaining a clearer understanding of the opportunities available and the steps they can take to pursue their interests and their post-16 pathways. With the GCSE Options selecting window open, it's never too early to think about our futures.

STEM TRIP



As part of the Mulberry Schools Trust commitment to outstanding STEM education, Year 9 girls were afforded the opportunity to team with Now&Next, an association of companies operating in the data, technology and design space who are looking to inspire young women and provide pathways into the industry.

Our students explored the realms of digital work, gaining invaluable insights from professionals who shared their experiences and the exciting opportunities awaiting in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



STEM Careers are varied and diverse and this will be the first of many events or initiatives that was an invaluable opportunity to open the door on these future careers.



Science Museum Trip

Our Year 8 pupils had an exciting day at the Science Museum in London. They learned about the significance of the steam engine during the Industrial Revolution and explored space, delving into the race to the Moon. They also discovered the history of medicine, flight, and mathematics. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all the student who visit the museum!



INSIDE MATTERS CONFERENCE AT TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM

A group of Year 8 students attended the Inside Matters Conference hosted at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Students accessed workshops and talks that explored strategies and services that support mental health in young people, as well as having the opportunity to tour the stadium. It was brilliant to see so many mature reflections from our students regarding well-being and mental health.



INTER-FORM FIFA TOURNAMENT

From 20th-24th May, Woodside hosted the KS3 Inter-House FIFA Tournament, bringing together 96 students for a week of gaming fun. It was a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and friendly competition.

The atmosphere was buzzing as students cheered each other on and worked together in teams. There was a real sense of sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the event.

A big congratulations to Salah from 8E, who emerged as the champion for Ash House. His determination and skill was truly impressive. And well done to 7A from Willow House for securing second place with their great teamwork.

The tournament wasn't just about gaming – it was also about coming together as a school community. We're proud of all the participants for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Here's to more exciting events in the future.



WINNER

SALAH MOULANA, 8E (ASH)



MAW'S DANCE TEAM PLACED 2ND AT HARINGEY DANCE COMPETITION

Our dance team, 'Carni Warriors,' travelled to Greig City Academy for the annual Haringey dance competition. Our piece, 'Notting Hill,' was inspired by the vibrant music and choreography of the Notting Hill Carnival.

The energy was high, the crowd was cheering and clapping, and the atmosphere was fantastic. Despite competing in the KS4 category with only two dancers of that age group, the competition was tough with various dance styles and music.

As the night ended, the judges announced the scores. In third place was Heartlands, second place went to Mulberry Academy Woodside, and first place to Greig City Academy.





SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY FOUNDATION

On April 26th, Miss Rees and the school council organised a successful Trainers Day to support the Stephen Lawrence Foundation, demonstrating their commitment to community and social justice. Students were encouraged to bring a pound and wear their favourite trainers raising a total of £398.

In the week run-up, our wonderful student council led a week of assemblies across all year groups, educating their peers about the foundation's mission and the importance of contributing. Their efforts greatly enhanced awareness and support for this vital cause.

**STEPHEN
LAWRENCE
DAY** 

AMBASSADOR TONYE BRINGS UPDATES TO MULBERRY ACADEMY WOODSIDE AND OKRIKA NATIONAL SCHOOL



The Haringey African Schools Partnership strengthened the connection between Mulberry Academy Woodside and Okrika National School this week when Ambassador Tonye visited both schools, facilitating a new IT sharing opportunity.

Mulberry Academy Woodside's Year 7 students have raised over £1,000 for Okrika National School, funding a generator and shipping computer equipment. Now with electricity and internet, the partnership aims to enhance IT support. Our Year 7 students will present their findings at an educational symposium at City University.

Ambassador Tonye praised the collaboration, highlighting its benefits. He also witnessed the formation of a youth choir in Okrika, preparing for a recording session with social activist and musician Ben Okafor, which will culminate in a performance with Woodsiders.

SAFER SCHOOL OFFICERS VISIT YEAR 9S

On 15th May, Mulberry Academy Woodside's year 9s attended a powerful assembly led by local officers as part of a borough-wide plan to educate 13 and 14-year-olds on the effects of harassment. PC Ahmed from the Metropolitan Police's Youth Engagement and Diversion team raised awareness around sexual harassment, emphasising the impact of our behaviour on others.

PC Ahmed shared two impactful videos. The first depicted a group of young men, urging boys to "have a word with yourself then your mates" to challenge bad peer behaviour. The second video, showing a teenage boy facing harassment on his way to school, aimed to raise awareness about the experiences of girls and encourage them to speak up when they feel unsafe.

The assembly concluded with PC Ahmed reminding students to model respectful behaviour, inspired by how they would want others to treat the women in their lives. Thanks to PC Ahmed and Sgt Lawton's Safer Schools Officers for engaging with year 9.



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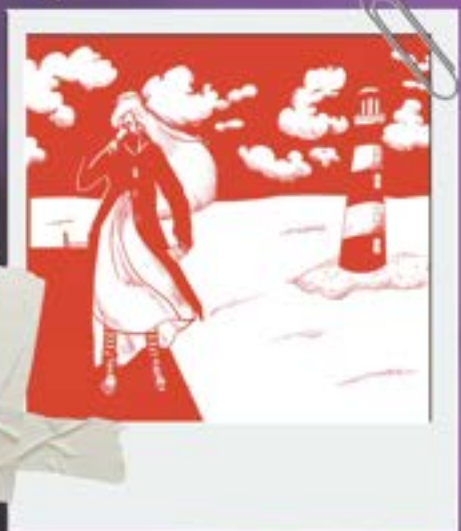
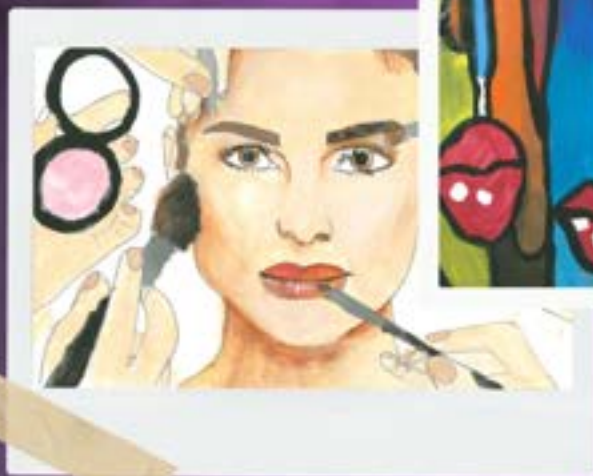
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Which one will you choose?

The Societies are an inspirational and aspirational programme aimed at providing Year 8 and 9 students with valuable experiences of life and study at Russell Group universities whilst learning a specialised subject and participating in some exciting activities and trips.

The programme is also about enrichment and about encouraging students from the schools across the Trust to learn together, develop a passion for their subject and experience international travel and all the trips offered to them. Students will enjoy some fantastic opportunities in their Societies that will equip them for higher education and beyond.

Mulberry Art Gallery



A showcase of our
Students' artistry at
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