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YEAR 7 STUDENTS EXTRACT THEIR OWN DNA AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTION

THIS ISSUE

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Their Own DNA at the
Royal Institution

Summer Festival of
Learning booklet

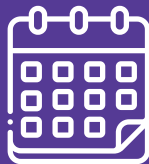
Pupil Pillar: Ready to
Achieve



Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING
KEY DATES



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope that you've had a lovely week in the sun. It's been so nice to see the students enjoying some of our large grass areas and having 'picnics' – although, whatever the weather, football and basketball never seem to stop.

Year 7 students had a fun time examining their DNA at a workshop by the Royal Institute. They learnt lots of key skills about genetics – but not the secret for bringing a T-Rex back to life on this visit!

The house karaoke session was an absolute delight – so many talented singers, many of whom we hope to attend the Mulberry Woodside Got Talent auditions next Thursday. All talents welcome. Also, well done to students who were involved in the athletics competition on Thursday.

Well done to our Year 11 students – some major exams this week, including the Maths, English and Biology exams. Year 10 students are beginning to use their form time period to get ready for examinations. Advance notice below on the 4th June for the info evening.

It's hard to believe next week is the final week of this half term. Rewards and praise will run, and we will celebrate those students showing their hard work.

Key dates

We are so excited for our summer events – see attached our booklet with more TBC: [Summer Festival of Learning](#).

Other events:

Wednesday 4th June – Year 10 information evening: preparing for the year ahead and work experience

Monday 30th June – School will be shut for the Trust-wide INSET day. Students will not be in school that day. Normal day and lessons resume from 1st July

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 7 uniform shop and information

Thursday 3rd July – Year 6 transition day

Ms. Wallace

Thursday, 22 May

16:00 – 17:00

Year 10 targeted
parents' evening

**Monday, 2nd June -
4th June and**

**Monday, 16th June -
18th June**

Year 8 Residential

**Monday, 2nd June -
Thursday 5th June**

Year 10 GCSE
Coastal fieldwork

Wednesday, 4th June

Year 10 Information
Evening

Wednesday 11th June

Talent Show

**NEXT WEEK
WEEK 1**



@mulberryaws

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

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org



Year 7 Students Extract Their Own DNA at the Royal Institution

On Wednesday 14th May, thirty Year 7 students visited the Royal Institution for a hands-on science workshop in the L'Oréal Young Scientist Centre. The session focused on DNA, giving students the chance to extract and take home a sample of their own genetic material.



The experiment took place in a working laboratory just beneath Michael Faraday's preserved lab. Students followed each step carefully, using standard lab techniques to extract DNA from their own cheek cells. At the end of the session, each student sealed their DNA in a small necklace vial, a simple but striking way to see science in action.



As well as learning how to isolate DNA, students also gained a better understanding of cell structure and genetics. The visit gave them a valuable introduction to lab-based science, reinforcing some of the content they cover in school.

Thank you to the Royal Institution staff for leading the session and supporting our students throughout and to Dr. Hassan for organising this trip.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF LEARNING



**SCAN
ME!**



SCAN TO SEE OUR UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS!



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ON THE WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We want to make you aware of an increase in reports of mobile phone thefts in the local area, particularly targeting young people on their way to or from school. Your child's safety is our top priority, and we are taking this opportunity to share some important advice on how we can work together to keep our students safe. Please note that school staff do patrols after school every day.

1

Stay Alert and Aware

Encourage your child to avoid distractions like using their phone or wearing headphones while walking, especially in quiet or less busy areas.

2

Keep Valuables Out of Sight

Mobile phones and other devices should be kept safely in bags or pockets and not used openly in public places unless absolutely necessary. Our advice is to leave expensive devices at home and instead use a cheap 'brick' phone.

3

Travel in Groups

Walking with friends or in a group is safer than walking alone. Where possible, arrange for your child to travel with classmates.

4

Stick to Well-Lit and Busy Routes

Encourage your child to take familiar, well-used routes and avoid shortcuts through isolated areas, especially during the darker hours.

5

Know Emergency Contacts

Make sure your child knows how to contact you or a trusted adult in case of an emergency. They should also be aware of how to contact the police (999 for emergencies, 101 for non-urgent matters).

6

Report Suspicious Behaviour

If your child feels unsafe or notices anything unusual, they should report it immediately to a trusted adult or member of school staff. You can also report concerns to the local police.

Working Together: We work as part of a network of schools in Haringey to keep unsafe behaviour off our streets. We are liaising with local authorities and the police to ensure increased vigilance and to support students' safety. Please take a moment to discuss these safety tips with your child. Awareness and preparation are key to prevention.

This week's

Values in Action

Pupil Pillar: Ready to Achieve

Next week is praise week which focuses on the Pupil Pillar: Ready to Achieve. You can support your child at home by:




- **Create a positive learning space:** Build your child's confidence by showing interest in their learning, encouraging effort, and celebrating progress.
- **Keep learning engaging:** Use everyday activities—like reading together, playing educational games, or exploring hobbies—to make learning fun and meaningful.



- **Set clear goals and give encouragement:** Help your child break down big tasks, stay organized, and offer positive, specific feedback as they work through challenges.
- **Support social and emotional well-being:** Talk openly about feelings, encourage kindness and cooperation, and help your child manage stress in healthy ways.
- **Encourage independence and curiosity:** Let your child make choices in their learning, ask questions, and reflect on what they've learned to build confidence and ownership.

PRAISE WEEK

READY TO ACHIEVE

-  **DOUBLE POINTS FOR "READY TO ACHIEVE"**
-  **STUDENTS WITH HIGHEST PRAISE WILL COME TO COLLECT A FREE LOLLY AT LUNCHTIME**
-  **STUDENTS WITH HIGHEST "READY TO ACHIEVE" POINTS WILL GET A BADGE AND GO ON A TRIP NEXT HALF TERM**



LOLLY LUNCHTIMES

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT NEEDED FOR 14- 18 JULY!

If you can offer any employability placement experience for our year 10 students, please get in touch with serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk



MULBERRY ACADEMY WOODSIDE PRESENTS

TALENT SHOW

11TH JUNE
4PM ONWARDS

SHOWCASE
YOUR UNIQUE
TALENTS!

Auditions will be held at Lunch and
after school on 22nd May in c007
Winners will go on to represent Mulberry Academy
Woodside at LIT's Got Talent on 1st July, 2025

Don't miss the chance to be
part of this showcase of
creativity and skill!

**PRIZES TO
BE WON!**

CULTURAL FUNDRAISING EVENT AT RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

TO RAISE MONEY FOR
OUR SCHOOL MINIBUSES

£1 ENTRY FEE - CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE
CASH ONLY

WE'D LOVE TO INVITE YOU TO WEAR SOMETHING
THAT REFLECTS YOUR CULTURAL BACKGROUND
OR HERITAGE

ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY FROM 12.00PM TO 5.00PM
WE WILL HAVE FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR SALE

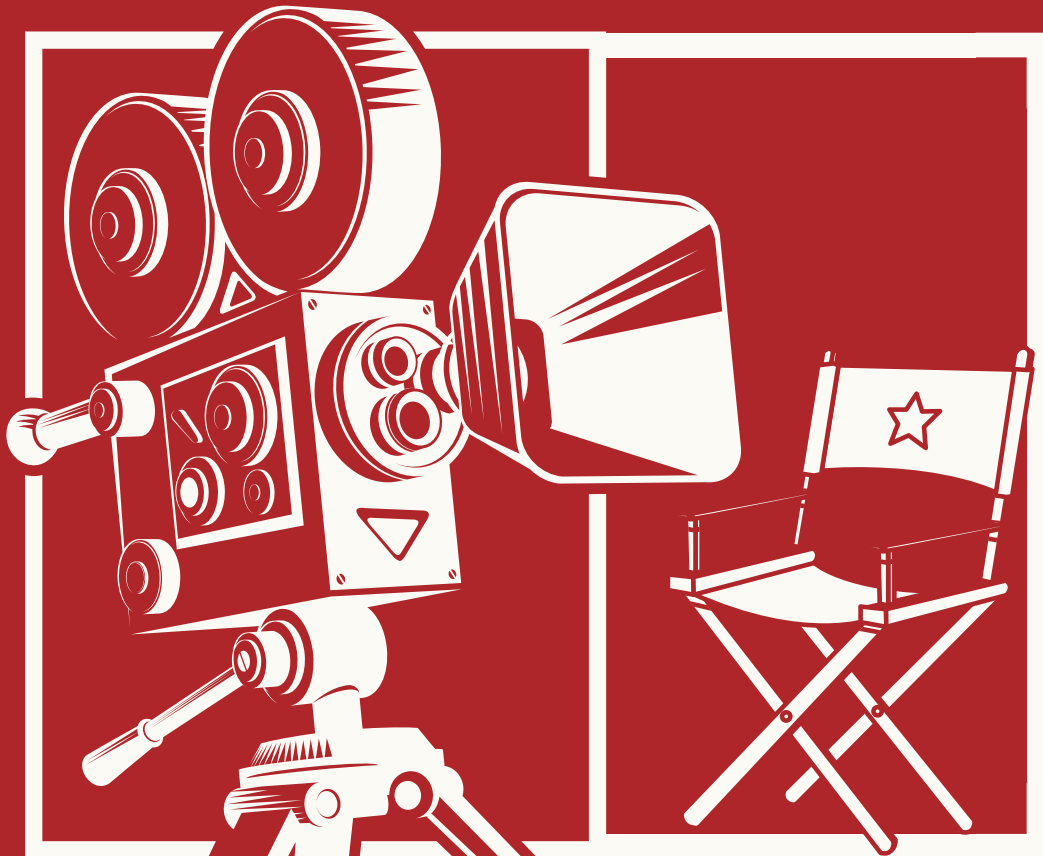
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HOW TO FIND US

FACE PAINTING
HAIR BRAIDING
FUN FAIR GAMES TO PLAY
RAFFLE
MUSIC
DESSERTS
DRINKS
STALLS

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL - WOOD GREEN INCLUSIVE LEARNING CAMPUS WHITE HART LANE, LONDON N22 5QJ

WOODSIDE FILM FESTIVAL



Calling all budding filmmakers at Mulberry Academy Woodside!

The Film Studies department will be holding our very first Woodside Film Festival in July!

Part of the festival will include a showcase of student short films. If you make your own films (it can be on your phone or your computers) and would like to be a part of the festival, please get in touch with Ms Aksu in C003!

You can also email any submissions to pinar.aksu@woodsidehighschool.co.uk.

We will be accepting short films within the following categories:

- Documentary
- Genre films (any genre)
- Indie films
- Animation

**Deadline:
11th June,
2025**

HOUSE NEWS

UPCOMING

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

APR 22ND **WORD CHALLENGE**
TUTOR TIME

MAY 1ST **DODGEBALL**
LUNCH SPORTS HALL

MAY 7TH **CHESS**
LUNCH

MAY 15TH **TABLE TENNIS**
LUNCH **KARROKE C006**

MAY 24TH **MATH QUIZ**
TUTOR TIME

Mulberry Academy Woodside

FOR MORE INFORMATION
MS OLIVER OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

SCORE



3100



3060



3180



2720

**Weekly
Praise
Winner -
2828 pts**



**Weekly
Attendance
Winner -
94.77%**



**Chess
Results:**



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 underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



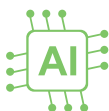
The Pitch 2025 is a competition where you could win work experience with JD, a £150 JD voucher as well as having your advert placed on a billboard in Manchester city centre. There's also a £5000 pot for the winners' school or college! Oh, and the finals are at TikTok HQ! You can [read the brief here](#). Deadline Thursday 5th June.



If the competition isn't for you but you would like to learn more about careers at JD, this [Virtual Work Experience programme](#) is bursting with engaging content designed to introduce you to the various business areas of JD, plus pathways into a career with us!



Jane Street is an international financial firm with offices in London. They host a programme for students in their final year of school (Year 13) to gain experience in their office, meeting traders and learn about the transition from STEM study to careers in the financial sector. Jane Street will cover all travel expenses, as well as housing and meals. No knowledge of finance is required, only an interest in seeing what a career at the company might look like. [Register here](#), contact for questions is work@janestreet.com and the application deadline is 15th June.



OpenAI, the creators of ChatGPT, have released a range of AI training courses. If you want to learn more about Prompt Engineering or how to use ChatGPT for Data Analysis, you can [find out more about the training here](#).



This [website](#) will prove insightful for anyone interested in a career in the arts. With information on everything from UI UX design and Interior design to Automotive and Golf Course design, it is fascinating to explore all the possibilities available to those wanting to apply their artistic skills.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Audiologist](#)

A healthcare professional who diagnoses, manages, and treats hearing, balance, and other ear-related problems. They can work in hospitals and community clinics, and may specialise in areas like paediatrics, adult assessment, or research. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Wonkhe did a survey of student's health. The data shows strong links between student health and their sense of belonging – among students reporting “very good” or “good” health, 85 per cent feel part of a community, compared to just 68 per cent among those reporting “bad” or “very bad” health.

[Source](#)

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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



If you can't make a University Open Day, or want to see what might be in store when it's time to start booking them, use this [list of videos and virtual tours from UCAS](#) to get you started.



[Destination STEM](#) is a new website offering support, advice & opportunities for careers within the Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths sectors. The 'Get Involved' section includes advice on placements, competitions and networking while the 'Life after school' section will help you explore STEM careers pathways.



Sky have launched a programme finder which helps you to work out which early careers programme could be best for you. Read more here; "With so many potential programmes and roles on offer at Sky, we want to help you find out what your perfect fit might be. We've created [15 questions to support you in taking your first step with us](#). The questions are to get you thinking, and afterwards, we'll show you which programmes we think you'd most love here at Sky."



The Civil Aviation Authority have launched three new work experience programmes to help you learn more about aviation related careers. Click the programme name below to find out more:

- [Aviation and Aerospace: Sustainable Aircraft](#)
- [Aviation and Aerospace: Airport Security](#)
- [Lift Off - with the Civil Aviation Authority](#)



Speaking of Aviation, British Airways have several upcoming events that will be helpful for anyone who'd like to be a pilot in the future. On May 28th at 3:00 PM they have their [Direct Entry Pilot Webinar](#). On Jun 4th at 4:00 PM they have their "[Your Flying Start](#)" drop in session which runs regularly and allows you to ask any questions you have about becoming a pilot. They don't have any upcoming webinars on their Speedbird Pilot Academy but [here is the recording](#) of the most recent session.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"All great stories start somewhere. Pixel perfect display. Sonic boom worthy sound. More unmissable moments. The spark of a better idea starts at Sky. And the magic doesn't happen without our people. Together, we build momentum, so our work makes an impact that's felt by millions."

They have 7 graduate programmes and 9 apprenticeship programmes. Read more about [Sky Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Where you spend your three university years is an important decision. It will determine the rest of your career. LJMU is an engaging learning environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential. Our programmes focus on employability and career readiness, so all students feel confident to overcome any future challenges. Your journey starts with us."

Read more about [LJMU Courses here](#).

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

THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

ARE YOU 16-20 YEARS OLD?
**GET A PAID
JOB THIS
SUMMER!**

About the programme

The Summer Jobs Programme gives young people (age 16-20) the opportunity to get a paid job and gain valuable work experience during Summer 2025. You will either get a paid job placement or take part in a study to earn rewards. ThinkForward are supporting young people to apply who live in Hackney or Haringey.

What it involves:

- **July 21st - 25th:** 1-week paid pre-employment training course
- **July 28th - Aug 29th:** 5-week paid employment placement
- Support from a dedicated youth worker and a workplace supervisor.

Need more info?

Email info@thinkforward.org.uk or [click here](#) or scan the QR code to check if you are eligible and apply.



May 2025



Changing Lives - Creating Futures

Colindale Apprenticeship Vacancies

Business Administration ~ Early Years ~ Teaching Assistant ~ Accounting



To Apply:

YOUR NAME + JOB CODE TO:
07495 464797

1) Business Admin Apprentice / Farringdon / £224 p/w

Kickstart your business administration career with practical experience in office management, communication, and business processes. Improve your skills in scheduling, project coordination, and document management. This is starting from September.

2) Apprentice Administrator / Wembley / £250 p/w

Start your journey with a team of experts who are carefully selected and highly trained to deliver exceptional care across the community. You'll benefit from the guidance of a professional management team dedicated to your growth and success. This is starting from September.

3) Accounts Assistant Apprenticeship / Harrow / £224 p/w

This could be your gateway to an exciting career in finance and accounting! If you're passionate about finance and have a practical mindset, this role is a great fit for you. We're looking for someone who is adaptable, positive, and driven with a strong sense of motivation and ambition. This is starting from September.

4) Level 3 Early Years Apprentice / Golders Green / £224 p/w

If you have a genuine passion for enhancing nursery standards, we invite you to join our exceptional team. Your commitment will be valued, providing you with earning potential and hands-on experience. This role is starting from September.

5) Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship / Colindale / £264 p/w

Are you eager to impact students' lives positively? Become a Learning Support Assistant apprentice and kickstart your career in education. This apprenticeship provides practical experience along with chances to acquire new skills and knowledge. Don't wait—apply today!

6) Early Years Apprenticeship / Pinner / £264 p/w

We are seeking a committed individual to assist with children's developmental and emotional needs within a secure and caring environment. The perfect candidate should possess excellent communication skills and be a collaborative team member. This role is starting from September.

7) Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship / Barnet / Watford / Mill Hill / £224p/w

Earn while you learn with our Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship! Acquire practical experience by assisting in enjoyable and stimulating activities that foster children's growth and learning. Become part of our team and contribute to creating a positive and inviting atmosphere for every child! This role is starting from September.

For more information about our apprenticeships, please contact:

Sabreena Valydon (Recruitment & Marketing Coordinator) | 07495 464797 | svalydon@firstrung.org.uk

Colindale Centre NW9 6TD - 020 8201 3111

Ponders End Centre EN3 4DZ 020 8803 4764

Find us online at www.firstrung.org.uk



THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

About the programme

The Summer Jobs Programme gives young people (age 16-20) the opportunity to get a paid job and gain valuable work experience during Summer 2025.

The programme is part of a study to understand if young people who are at risk of violence benefit from this programme, and whether it should be expanded across the UK.

ThinkForward are supporting young people to apply who live in Hackney or Haringey.

What it involves:

- **July 21st - 25th:** 1-week paid pre-employment training course
- **July 28th - Aug 29th:** 5-week paid employment placement
- Support from a dedicated youth worker and a workplace supervisor.

Eligibility criteria

This programme is designed to support young people at risk of violence. [Click here](#) for the eligibility criteria.

Refer a young person

For more info email info@thinkforward.org.uk or [click here](#) or scan the QR code to refer a young person. When filling in the referral form for a young person, please select ThinkForward as the delivery partner.



May 2025



Changing Lives - Creating Futures

Ponders End Apprenticeship Vacancies

Business Administration ~ Early Years ~ Teaching Assistant ~ Accounting (must be able to travel Colindale)



To Apply:

Your name + Job Code to:
07495 464797

1) Office Administrator Apprenticeship / Enfield / £263 p/w

Ready to launch your career in a dynamic industry? We're seeking a professional Office Administrator for our Enfield estate agency office. A great stepping stone for somebody who would like to gain experience as an estate agent. This role is starting from September.

2) Data Team Apprentice / Ponders End / £230 p/w

Looking to launch your career in data? Join us and play a key role in supporting our Compliance Officer with accurate monthly income claims, helping to keep our organisation running seamlessly. Throughout your apprenticeship, you'll be backed by a fantastic team, committed to supporting you every step of the way!

3) Administrative Assistant Apprenticeship / Edmondton / £264 p/w

We invite you to apply for the Administrative Assistant Apprenticeship role, where you'll gain valuable skills while supporting our nursery's operations. You'll receive practical training to provide essential administrative assistance to staff and customers. This role is starting from September.

4) Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship / Enfield / £264 p/w

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students? Join our team as a Learning Support Assistant apprentice and start your career in education. This apprenticeship offers hands-on experience and opportunities to gain new skills and knowledge. Apply now!

5) Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship / Tottenham / £224 p/w

We're looking for a dedicated and passionate individual to join our team as an Early Years Level 3 Apprentice. This is a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience and grow professionally within the childcare sector.

6) Early Years Educator Apprenticeship / Wood Green / £224 p/w

Join our nursery team and help shape young minds by designing activities that foster growth through play and structured learning. Develop essential childcare skills, work towards a recognised qualification, and receive dedicated support from an experienced mentor along the way.

7) Early Years Apprenticeship / Oakwood / Grange Park / Palmers Green / £210 p/w

If you're passionate about childcare and eager to earn while you learn, this opportunity could be the perfect fit. You'll work closely with a supportive team to create a nurturing environment where every child can play, grow, and thrive. You must be able to travel to Ponders End for training.

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