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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy Friday, it's another hot one! We still have lots of school ahead and we are looking forward to an exciting week and Culture Day ahead. Ending on a Monday for a half day will give us a great opportunity to all be together for our Culture Day. Students are welcome to come in cultural clothes, colours of a culture, or just their school uniform. We have an excellent assembly planned for all year groups and an opportunity to be together for this final day.

This week has been really busy. We were delighted and privileged to host the first LIT Art Show in the hub space. Work from Rowland Nursery, Devonshire Hill, Risley Avenue, Lea Valley, and our own students at Mulberry Woodside was displayed in our hub space. It was incredible to see the journey of creativity from as early as 2 to 3 years old up to our 16-year-olds. Art and free expression is a right for our young people and it was great to see this as well as the exceptional talent. During the exhibition, we also held some print workshops. Thank you to our Art team for their work on this. We were also fortunate enough to have our Oakthorpe students visiting us for a robotics workshop – STEM academy of the future.

On Wednesday we had our Balkans Day – see below for the history of the day and where we want to go next.

Our Year 10 students are either doing a work experience week in school or out of school. We have a series of extensive revision work booklets for all our students in Year 10 – please check in that your child has picked this up from their class teacher.

Next week, alongside usual working, we have our end of year trips on Thursday.

During hot weather, we allow students to remove blazers, but they need to bring these to school. Send your child in with a water bottle and we will have extra water stations available. There is lots of shade in school and we have recently purchased a series of picnic umbrellas. It is important that normal learning continues as much as possible.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING
KEY DATES



Mon 14th - Fri 18th July
Year 10 Work Experience
Week

Wed 16th July
Memorial celebration
for Ms Skepple

Thurs 17th July
Whole School Trip Day

Mon 21st July
Culture Day

End of Term (1 pm
finish)

**NEXT WEEK
WEEK 2**



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

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

A behind-the-scenes experience at the British Grand Prix



On Friday 4th July, two year 11 students attended the British Grand Prix as VIP guests of the Mercedes F1 team. The students were selected as a one year celebration of Mulberry Academy Woodside being part of the amazing Mulberry STEM Academy.

The STEM Academy is an innovative partnership between the Trust and the Mercedes team designed to get more young people into STEM, particularly Engineering. As part of this year long programme, students build and race electric powered cars, do a course on robotics, achieve CREST silver award and attend careers conferences.

Ha and Stephen were selected to attend and represent the Trust and the school- due to their hard work, exemplary behaviour and real interest in studying A levels in Science subjects next year. The day began very, very early at 5.45 AM at Marylebone station. At Silverstone students experienced the most amazing time. This was part of the teams 'partners' event, and so there were six other students attending from the Sutton Trust programs as well as colleagues from the AFBE.

They had a 45 minute Q and A with the Mercedes team principal, Toto Wolff, and then James Allison, Mercedes Chief Technical Director and visited the track side garage to watch the practice race, with headphones on, listening to the car radio communications, and observing the team engineers collecting data and analysing performance. They had the opportunity to hear all about the history of the British Grand Prix. A celebrity or two were spotted by our students, and signed caps to take away with them!



Celebrating Our Sports Day Champions

This week's Sports Results Assembly revealed the winning forms from our Sports Day events. It was a great chance to recognise students who excelled in athletics and to celebrate the teamwork and effort shown across year groups. Congratulations to the winning forms: **7I, 8U, 9E and 10A**. To mark their success, each form enjoyed a well-earned pizza party. Well done to all students who took part and made the day such a success.



Please scan the QR code to read the Headteacher's letter on end of year trips and culture day

[Link: https://shorturl.at/wASLI](https://shorturl.at/wASLI)





Hamilton musical visit

A group of Year 9 students had the chance to experience live theatre at its best with a trip to see Hamilton at the Victoria Palace Theatre.

The award-winning musical, known for its bold mix of hip hop, history and powerful storytelling, left a lasting impression. From the opening number to the final bow, students were fully immersed—many seeing a West End production for the first time.

The visit sparked conversations about history, creativity and the impact of live performance. It was a memorable afternoon that brought lessons from the classroom to life and gave students a glimpse of the world beyond school.



Tender UK delivers Healthy Relationship workshops

On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July, our Year 9 cohort engaged in a series of workshops delivered by Tender, a charity who engage young people in conversations about healthy and unhealthy relationships, where to find support, and how to be an ambassador for equality and respect.

The 50 minute sessions use drama approaches to inspire young people to champion healthy relationships in their peer groups and communities. Relationship education is a key part of the enriched curriculum offered here at Mulberry Academy Woodside. All students engaged brilliantly and shared positive feedback afterwards.

Let's hear from one of our year 9 students, Neve Allaway 9L said: "The programme was really interesting as we took part in various games relating to healthy and unhealthy relationships. I thought it was a good opportunity to learn and have discussions about behaviours that are wrong and right."



Maths Time at Greenwich University

Last week, Year 10 students from Mulberry Academy had the exciting opportunity to visit the Maths Time event at Greenwich University. Set in the stunning historic surroundings of the university's campus, the event offered a dynamic and engaging experience that brought mathematics to life beyond the classroom.

Students explored interactive workshops, met university ambassadors, and participated in problem-solving challenges that deepened their appreciation of the subject. The visit not only inspired curiosity and confidence in maths but also gave students a glimpse into university life, all within the breathtaking architecture and atmosphere of Greenwich.



Balkan Day Celebrations

On 9th July, Woodside marked Balkan Day with food, music and celebration. Students enjoyed Balkan-inspired meals throughout the week, while the day itself featured workshops, traditional dance and regional music. It was a vibrant celebration of the cultures and communities that are part of our school.

What are the Balkans and why Balkans Day?

The Balkans is the region that takes its name from the Balkan Mountains that stretch throughout the whole of Bulgaria.

Countries include: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia (up to the Sava and Kupa rivers), mainland Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Northern Dobruja in Romania, Serbia (up to the Danube River), East Thrace in Turkey, Croatia, Romania and Serbia, as well as Slovenia.

Over 25% of our school population have family who originate in the Balkan area of the world. Students have asked for us to mark a celebration of this region.

The word Balkan may come from the Turkish word *bâlk* 'mud' (from Proto-Turkic *bal* 'mud, clay; thick or gluey substance', cf. also Turkic *bal* 'honey'), and the Turkish suffix *-an* 'swampy forest', or Persian *bālā-khāna* 'big high house'.

The Balkans as a concept began in 1808 and refers to the areas on the Balkan Mountains all under the Ottoman Empire.

It had a geopolitical rather than a geographical definition – that means it was about a political area not geographically aligned.

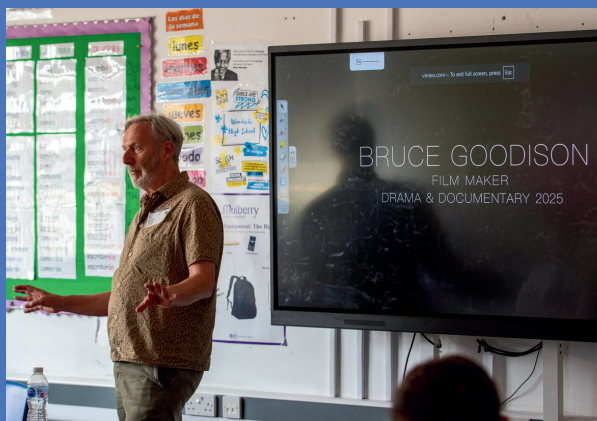
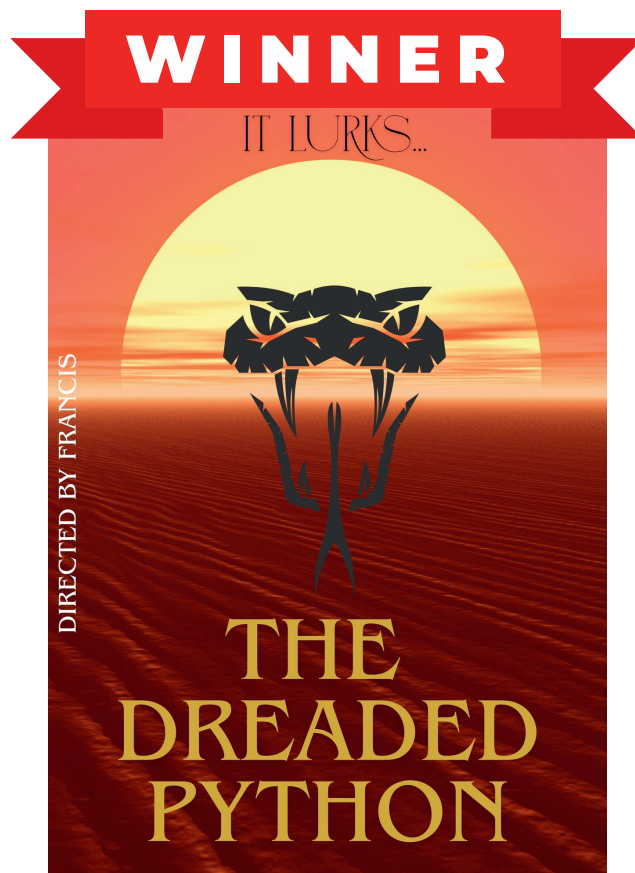
Next year we are coming back bigger and better with a community festival.

Lights, Camera, Action! Our 2025 Film Festival Inspires Creativity Across Year Groups

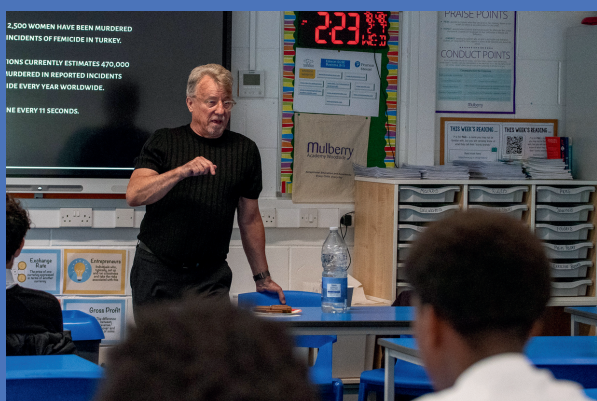
From the 7th to 9th of July, Woodside was buzzing with creativity as students across Years 7 to 10 took part in our first ever Film Festival—three exciting days of workshops, film making, and cinematic inspiration.

Year 7 students kicked things off with a poster-making session, where they designed eye-catching film posters using the Canva platform. The focus was on layout, colour, and getting across the genre of their imagined films. Well done to Francis who won a £10 Amazon gift card for his fantastic poster with a film entitled "The Dreaded Python."

Year 8 took part in a filmmaking workshop. Students filmed, edited and added music to their films using CapCut. They experimented with basic camera angles and editing to tell short, simple stories of a "summer's day at Woodside." The films were judged by an industry expert Bruce Goodison who selected the work of Malik as the overall winner. He was very impressed by all the films.



Year 9 had the chance to meet director Bruce Goodison, who ran a session on storyboarding. Students explored how to break down scenes visually and plan camera movement and shot choices before filming. Bruce also shared lots of information about film making and the film industry. Well done to Erkan whose short film of inspiration (about a young boy who has academic anxiety but overcomes it) won the event.



Year 10 Film Studies students watched My Name is Happy, a documentary by filmmaker Nick Read, followed by a Q&A session. Students asked questions about the subject of the film and the process behind making a documentary. This has helped Film students in year 10 immensely as they were able to question Nick on the filmmaking process and how meaning is created visually.

Thanks to all the visitors and staff who supported the workshops, and well done to all students who took part in this year's Film Festival.

Celebrating Creativity Across the Community at the LIT Art Show

Woodside hosted the first-ever LIT Art Show in the hub, showcasing artwork from Rowland Nursery, Devonshire Hill, Risley Avenue, Lea Valley, and our own students. The exhibition captured creativity from ages 2 to 16, highlighting the importance of artistic expression at every stage.

Print workshops ran throughout the day, with thanks to our Art team for leading a brilliant celebration of talent from across the local community. It was inspiring to see artistic expression from children as young as two through to our Year 11 students, highlighting the importance of creativity at every stage of learning.



HARINGEY'S SUMMER OF FUN

Now in its eighth edition, Haringey Council's fantastic Summer Holiday Activities programme allows children and young people to get active, connect and socialise.

Click the link below to learn more

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/1556.26-summer-fun-booklet-2025-final-web.pdf>

EP WEBINAR FOR PARENTS OF MULBERRY WOODSIDE ACADEMY: UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT ANXIETY

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams
Date: Wednesday, 16th July 2025
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (BST)

The webinar will:

- Deepen your understanding of anxiety
- Explore strategies to support anxiety

Led by Dr Zoe Ebanks and Dr Hannah Broughton (Educational Psychologists)

Click on this link to join: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 353 511 410 347 9

Passcode: 3Mx9kS2M

Free Football Training Camp

FREE FUN FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES AND A HOT MEAL
FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11 (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Week 1: Tues 29th July - Fri 1st Aug 10am-2pm
- Week 2: Tues 5th Aug - Fri 8th Aug 10am-2pm
- Week 3: Tues 12th Aug - Fri 15th Aug 10am-2pm
- Week 4: Tues 19th Aug - Fri 22nd Aug 10am-2pm

Harris Academy Tottenham Sports Hall,
Ashley Road, N17 9LN

Visit the Haringey HAF website
and sign up through Coordinate

www.kinetic-foundation.org.uk

AFTERNOON TEA TO COMMEMORATE MRS SKEPPLE, OUR LIBRARIAN - 16/07/25

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE PARENTS/CARERS TO REMEMBER THE
LIFE OF OUR LATE COLLEAGUE CHERYL SKEPPLE WHO SADLY
PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MRS SKEPPLE WAS A VALUED MEMBER OF STAFF AT MULBERRY
WOODSIDE AND DEDICATED OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE. MANY
OF OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED DIRECTLY BY
MRS SKEPPLE OVER THE YEARS AND WE'D LIKE TO SHOW OUR
RESPECTS TOGETHER AS WE HOST AN AFTERNOON TEA IN HER
MEMORY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE EMAIL
SENEN.FIKRI@WOODSIDEHIGHSCHOOL.CO.UK BY 10/07/25
SO THAT WE CAN ACCOUNT FOR NUMBERS.

MEMORIAL RIBBONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE WITH PROCEEDS
BEING DONATED TO CHARITY.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT PARENTS/CARERS ATTEND WITH STUDENTS ON THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY
3.30 - 4PM
THE HUB



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



Take a look at Engineering Development Trust's programmes that help you to learn more about STEM careers, the skills you need to succeed and how you can access different job roles. There is a free programme (scroll to the bottom of the page) but some are paid for, please contact EDT if you feel you may be eligible for a bursary funded place.



EDT also have paid work placements in the STEM industries. You will gain invaluable experience working in industry, develop their skills and knowledge, and boost their future employability.



Discovering Durham University is a podcast show run by students. The marketing team asked students what their most important issues were when considering the University, and they came up with five episodes.



Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the January 2025 edition of the Higher and Degree listing. Discover vacancy details from over 80 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links. The Higher & Degree Listing is a bi-annual publication, with the next release due in October 2025.



This blog shows how at risk the top 20 jobs in the UK are of AI Job Displacement. From Administrators to Nurses to Programmers, take a look & see what risk score each role has!



Take a look at this webpage full of different job roles! Click on each one to enlarge it and read more.



Hire Ahead is a new apprenticeship search platform. We are not sure why there are so many, it is hard to keep up! However, it is good to know about all of them to ensure you are seeing all the opportunities available.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Investment Banker

Investment bankers are financial advisors for corporations and other large organisations. Investment bankers often help companies and other entities raise or borrow money for expansion and improvement.

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

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to The Student Room, over 40% of their forum members now actively consider a degree apprenticeship alongside traditional university study. But uni is still viewed as "more fun."

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



urfuture have built a new app that helps you to connect with employers. The app has not replaced all employer's recruitment processes yet (maybe one day!) so it's not quite time to ditch the CV just yet. We just want to ensure you're aware of all the platforms and support systems in place to help you on your journey.



"Right now, you might have just finished school, the sun is shining, and the last thing you want to be doing is stressing about your future career. That's why we're here: to help make this summer your best one yet, just by signing up to our Talent Community. By joining our Talent Community, you'll be one of the first to know about our 2026 Apprenticeship opportunities. At KPMG, we offer Apprenticeship programmes in areas like Audit, Tax & Law, KPMG Business Services, Technology & Engineering and Consulting, where you can make the difference to businesses and communities."



Here are a few websites that you can use to find university open days:

- UCAS
- OpenDays.com
- UniTasterDays
- The individual university's websites



If you need help deciding which university/course is right for you, this guide from UCAS will prove useful and this list of 20 things you can compare may also help your decision making.



If you speak a second (or third or fourth...) language, you may be way ahead in terms of your cognition. But did you know it can also help you get ahead in your career? Being bi-lingual or multi-lingual are significant in terms of everything from pay and performance to your thinking and your relationships. You can read more about this here.

In next week's newsletter, we'll be giving you a challenge per week that you can do over the 6 week break to help prepare for your future!

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

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At the John Lewis Partnership, home to both retail favourite, John Lewis and supermarket leaders, Waitrose, you become more than just an employee, you become a Partner – a co-owner in our unique business. Whether you're passionate about retail, tech, logistics, or anything in between, we have a range of exciting opportunities."

Read more about John Lewis Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Your time at Essex will be full of opportunities to meet new people, try new things and develop new skills. Your success is at the heart of everything we do. What's more, did you know The University of Essex is first in the East of England for overall positivity*? Or that we're 23rd in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2025?"

Read more about University of Essex Courses here.

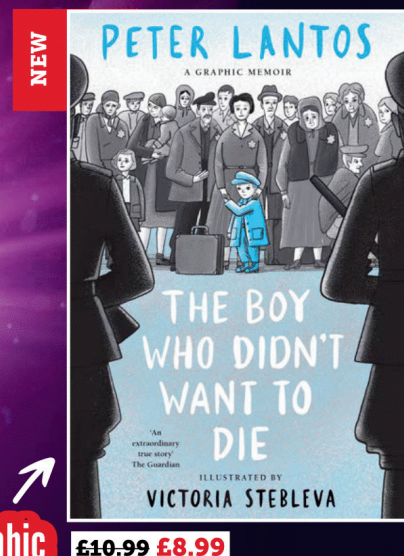
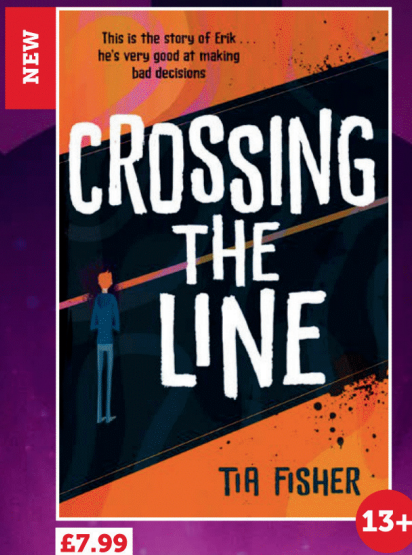
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JULY 10 - JULY 17