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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Wishing you a happy weekend. Students are now in week three and working very hard in all their lessons. I want to thank families and say well done to our young people for the excellent standard of equipment and attitude to learning. The students have really enjoyed being back together, and Year 7 already feel as though they have been with us for a long time.

Part of the secondary school experience is trips and enrichment activities. You can read about the Mudlarking trip, and next week our students will be attending The Lion King. Year 11 Citizenship students also visited Parliament this week to support their GCSE studies and had the opportunity to observe live debates.

Finally on Saturday, our Year 11 students participated in their race at Greenpower Challenge competing.

Clubs are in full flow—please do encourage your child to join something new for 2025.

Year 9 students attended the Societies Launch, a fantastic initiative to encourage a lifelong passion for different disciplines—see the attached article for more details.

Next Thursday, 25th, is the Meet the Tutor event for Year 7 families. If you have not yet received or made an appointment, please contact the school. At the event you will also be able to collect information on Class Charts.

Thursday, 25th, is also our Year 9 Electives Evening. We strongly encourage you and your child to attend. There will be an address outlining the year ahead.

KS3 Year 7–9 Information Evening

An evening to learn more about our curriculum, topics, assessment, homework, and reading at Mulberry Woodside. We'd love to see you there.

Enrichment Week

Your child has been given a letter about Enrichment Week. This is a compulsory week for all Year 11s to be in school, while students in other year groups have the option to take part in enrichment activities or complete home study. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Open Evening and Morning

Do you have a child, relative, or neighbour in Year 5 or 6? Please tell them about our Mulberry Academy Woodside Open Evening - we'd love to welcome them to our family.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES



Week beginning 22nd September

Year 7 reading tests

Thursday, 25th September

Year 7 Meet the Tutor,
Year 9 Electives Evening

25th - 26th September

Duke of Edinburgh
Expedition 2025

30th September

Year 7 "As if By Magic"
science show with Dr Dr
Szydlo

Wednesday, 1 October

5:00 – 7:00pm
Open Evening

Thursday, 9th October

Year 11 Information Evening
and KS3 Information Evening

Friday, 10th October

Global Girl Leading Summit
2025

Monday 20 October. 4 - 5pm

Black History Month
Performance

NEXT WEEK WEEK 2



@mulberryaws

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

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Year 7 Historians Explore London's Past on the Thames

On Monday, 15th September, some of our Year 7 history students had the chance to bring their learning to life with a mudlarking trip by the River Thames.

As part of their first enquiry, London Through Time, the young historians discovered fascinating artefacts hidden beneath their feet, including pottery, oyster shells, fragments of glasswork, and even animal bones.

Guided by their teachers, students explored how these finds connected to different periods in London's history, giving them a tangible insight into the lives of people who lived in the city centuries ago. The trip sparked plenty of curiosity and discussion, as students pieced together stories from the objects they uncovered. It was an unforgettable experience that brought history out of the classroom and into the real world.



Mulberry Societies Trip

We are delighted to celebrate and congratulate our remarkable students who have been selected to join the launch of Mulberry Academy's prestigious Societies Program at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. This exciting initiative is designed to broaden their academic horizons, nurture their passions, and provide them with opportunities to engage in thought-provoking, life-enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Through this program, students will be able to explore new ideas, challenge themselves, and grow both personally and academically, preparing them for future success. We are immensely proud of their hard work, ambition, and dedication, and we look forward to seeing the many inspiring ways they will flourish as part of this prestigious program.

Homework Club

IN THE HUB

EVERY
MONDAY -
WEDNESDAY

3:10 - 4:30
PM



Enrichment Week Letters – Return by 3rd October

This week Year 7 to Year 10 were given a letter for enrichment week. They should return these to their tutors who should pass on to Ms. Caruso in the front office.

There is a prize for the first form and tutor in each year group to have full responses from their form.

The **deadline** is **3rd October** so that we can plan for those students in school.

CALLING ALL OUR MULBERRY WOODSIDE MUSICIANS !



Please remember to get your application form for the instrumental program from Miss M Alpdogan or the music department asap!

These individual music lessons include piano, drums, guitar (electric/ classical/ bass), violin, singing and accordion.
We also have steel pan lessons & choir **free of charge**.

Whether you are new to learning an instrument or have done so before- you are all welcome in the music department, you are the future of MAW.

Reminder: if you had lessons last year, you need to **re-apply**.



ATTENDANCE TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

Children need 8-10 hours of sleep to do their best at school. A regular bedtime routine helps them wake up refreshed, focused, and full of energy. Good sleep improves concentration, memory, and behaviour – making each school day more enjoyable and productive for both pupils and families.



ARE YOU WORRIED? ABOUT SOMETHING?



A worry is a concern. People you can talk to:

Safeguarding

Drop-off & pick-up routines- always use the designated points so staff know your child is safe. Review emergency contact info and describe what happens if someone unexpected collects your child.



Ms Oliver
Assistant Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Peter
Child Protection Officer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Sanford
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Wallace
Headteacher



Mr Ashton
Deputy Headteacher



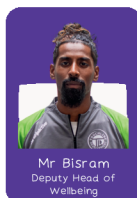
Ms Wrigglesworth
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Krepsky
Assistant Headteacher



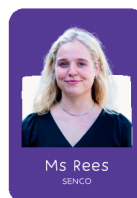
Mr Rabbitts
Assistant Headteacher



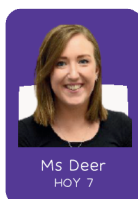
Mr Bisram
Deputy Head of
Wellbeing



Ms George-
Hedley
Head of Wellbeing



Ms Rees
SENCO



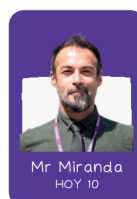
Ms Deer
HOY 7



Mr Gittins
HOY 8



Ms Hinds
HOY 9



Mr Miranda
HOY 10



Mr Whitehead
HOY 11

If you have any questions or concerns regarding SEN provision, please feel free to get in touch directly at jrees@mulberryschoolstrust.org



WEEKLY PRAISE POINTS LEADERBOARD

TOP 10 STUDENTS IN YEAR 7	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN YEAR 8	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN YEAR 9	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN YEAR 10	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN YEAR 11
Theresah BOAKYE DANQUAH	Seth WALMSLEY	Nadia KALABUN	Riley ALLSOP	Mehki BENNETT
Faith HAMILTON	Madiah MURSHIDA	Azka AATIF	Yordanka YORDANOVA	Ayaan MOORABY
Olive MBOYO	Dana ABED	Tiago RODRIGUES	Nafisah CHOWDHURY	Noah CHARLERY
Alvin KABENGELE	Larisa DORCU	Sohaib MOUSSOUNI	Hafsa HUSSEIN	Kimora BOGARTS
Sayeba RAZA	Aaron HEATH	Fadi NAIT SIDI AHMED	Nawal ALI	Rodrigo NUNES RODRIGUES
Shadrach QUAINOO	Guney YUCE	Leanne DA COSTA CANTE	Amirah FOSTER	Emmanouil TSARKAS
Zarif RAHMAN	Reka VIDA	Kenza HAKIMI	Amir HUSSAIN	Jasmine FESHAS
Jaylah KING	Tasnim Malak HAMZA	Tuba PIRBUDAK	Lexi MORLAND	Jovarni WILLIAMS
Jazmin LIPTAK	Demi GONZALEZ-ROMERO	Devasha NASSOLO NDAWULA	Zahra FREMPONG	Melda ILHAN
Lauren CORNWALL HEATH	Abdirahman TAHLIL	Youcef ABDI	Jack THORSEN	Simran KAUR

TOP 3 FORMS
8T
9U
7L

CAREERS



Year 11 College Event

We are excited to invite all Year 11 students and parents to our upcoming Post -16 Event on 9th October 2025 at 16:00. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet representatives from local colleges, explore post-16 options, and gather valuable information to support future decisions.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 families to attend and make the most of this event!

Year 8 Careers Fair Parents Contributors Wanted

We are hosting our yr8 Careers Fair on the 25th November 2025 and would love to hear from parents who can share insight about their job or career. If you are able to contribute, please contact Serdane Ozcan at sozcan@mulberryschoolstrust.org.

Your support can inspire our students as they explore their future pathways.



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🕒 4pm - 7:30pm

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have secured their
first university choice”



This week's *Values in Action* Invacuations

Next week our values session will focus on Invacuations. You can support students by encouraging the following:

Keep It Simple

"If something outside isn't safe, we stay in the building to keep safe."

Teach the Signal

Make sure students know:

- What the invacuation signal sounds like
- That they should stay where they are and listen

Practice Calmly

- Walk them through the steps
- Remind them: "I'm here to keep you safe."

Set Expectations

Students should:

- Stay quiet
- Follow your lead
- Stay in the room until told otherwise

Support Vulnerable Students

- Be aware of those with anxiety or SEND
- Use calm voices, simple instructions, and reassurance

COME AND MEET US

**NO BOOKING
REQUIRED**

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st October

5 - 7 pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 6th October to
Friday 10th October

9 - 10 am

Saturday 11th October

10 - 11 am

The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

Well done on another great week. Consistency is key this year and those students who can maintain the high standards of punctuality, effort, homework and drive will be those who are happiest next August. It may seem a long road but it will go very quickly!

Mr Whitehead

NOTICES

Competition time!

Please send photos of revision (revision timetables, cornell notes, flashcards, past papers, notes etc.) to Mr Whitehead to be entered into the Friday prize draw and earn the chance to win an amazon voucher.

College Assemblies begin

On Monday 22nd September, ADA College will be visiting to lead assembly.

Revision resources

[How do I make a revision timetable for my exams? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Study support - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Mr Bruff - English](#)

[Seneca Learning](#)

Period 7 schedule for 2025-2026

B112 is open every lunchtime and after booster (until 17.00) in order for you to do silent study using the computers and headphones in the room.

Wightman Road Mosque Trip

Well done to all students who enjoyed the first Wightman Road Mosque Trip to revise with the Imam on content for their GCSE RE course. This vital prep will ready them for their November mock.

Please note the below list. If your name is on the list you will be going with Mr Davis Friday 26th September after lunch.



Melda I
Adam A
Jasmina A
Antonia M
Ahlam M
Jemima
Gulsum C
Reena K
Elanur C

Ilyes T
Havin A
Jenifer D
Destiny B
Levi N
Dan K
Tyler G
Murat C

1Mon	Opt 4	
1Tue	Ma J	Sc K
1Wed	Biology	
1Thu	Opt 3	
1Fri		
2Mon	Opt 2	
2Tue	Sc J	Ma K
2Wed	English	
2Thu	Opt 1	
2Fri		

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE OF READING BOOKS?

Books have been around for a very long time. They quietly hold an amazing power to take us to new places, share hidden knowledge, and even make our brains stronger. Even though we live in a world full of screens and gadgets, the simple book is still one of the best friends we can have. Let's explore how reading can make our lives better — and why choosing to read might be one of the smartest things you do today.

Preload Vocabulary	
Word	Definition
Empathy	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another person.
Civilisations	Complex societies with their own culture, government, and traditions, usually in history.
Curiosity	A strong desire to learn or know something.
Imagination	The ability of the mind to create ideas or pictures not present to the senses.
Notifications	Messages or alerts on electronic devices that inform the user of new information or events.

Escape and Adventure Without Moving

One of the best things about reading is that it lets you travel anywhere without getting up from your chair. Whether you visit magical kingdoms, discover ancient civilisations, or walk through busy cities, books open a special door. This kind of escape does more than entertain — it helps you relax and forget about worries for a while, giving your mind a chance to rest and feel fresh again.

Imagine a rainy afternoon turning into a thrilling detective story or a quiet evening spent with brave heroes. Books invite you inside their worlds, turning everyday moments into exciting adventures.

Reading Makes Your Brain Stronger

Reading is like exercise for your brain. Just like running helps your legs, reading helps your mind grow stronger. When you read stories with interesting ideas and tricky plots, you practise paying attention, understanding new words, and remembering important details. Your brain works hard to follow the story and think about what might happen next — all of this builds your mental strength.

Research shows that people who read often usually have better language skills and more creative imaginations. So, reading is like a gym workout for your mind — without any sweat or gym costs!

Understanding Others: Seeing the World Differently

Reading lets you live many lives at once. When you read about people who are different from you, maybe from other countries or with other experiences, you start to understand how they feel and think. This is called empathy — the ability to share and understand other people's feelings.

By stepping into someone else's shoes through books, you become kinder and more open to new ideas. This is really important today because we live in a world full of different kinds of people, and understanding each other helps us get along better.

Learning is Fun with Books

Books are like treasure chests full of facts and stories, and the best part is you get to pick the key. Whether you love history, science, art, or ideas about life, there is a book ready to answer your questions and feed your curiosity.

Unlike some quick information you might find online, books often explain things in detail. Reading can make hard subjects easier and more enjoyable to learn about, turning studying into an exciting journey rather than a boring task.

Making Friends and Sharing Stories

Reading doesn't have to be something you do alone — it can also help you make friends. Book clubs, online groups, and events bring people together who love the same stories. Talking about books helps start conversations and builds friendships.

Also, knowing a lot about books can help you in social situations, giving you fun stories and interesting things to share. It's a great way to connect with others and learn more about the world at the same time.

Relaxing Before Bed

In a world full of screens and constant notifications, reading a real book can help you relax before going to sleep. Unlike phones and tablets, books don't give off blue light, which can keep you awake.

Making reading part of your bedtime routine can lower stress and tell your body it's time to rest. This can help you sleep better and wake up feeling fresh and ready for a new day.

Your Next Adventure is Waiting

Reading is more than just a hobby. It brings happiness, knowledge, mental strength, and helps you understand other people better. Whether you love books already or are just starting to explore them, the benefits are clear and many.

So, why not grab a book today? Your next great adventure is just a page away.



Question
What can books take you to without moving?
How does reading help your brain?
What is empathy?
How can reading help you make friends?
Why is reading before bed better than using screens?

Etymology Extra

The word empathy originates from the Greek word *empathia*, which means "passion" or "state of emotion." It was introduced into English in the early 20th century as a translation of the German term *Einfühlung*, meaning "feeling into." This concept initially described the way one could project feelings into art or another person's experience. Over time, the meaning evolved to refer more broadly to the psychological capacity to understand and share another person's feelings, a vital skill in human relationships and emotional intelligence.