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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy Friday!

Thank you to all our families who joined us at the Open Evening event. Staff and students put on a great show, but it doesn't finish there. We have Open Mornings next week and on Saturday 11th October for anyone who couldn't make the event. The stars of the show really were the choir, who included a significant number of Year 7 students, many of whom had limited rehearsals.

In Year 11, whilst the focus is on exams, educational visits can play a key part in developing depth of understanding of the concepts being studied. Students who are taking RS were fortunate to visit the local mosque, whilst students in History visited the Imperial War Museum.

Although we have been enjoying some amazing sunshine this week, nothing can beat the heat of Athens, where a group of our Year 9 students and Ms Hinds have been on a cultural societies trip.

Closer to home, students in Year 7 have been enjoying their trips to the Natural History Museum with their form groups, which act as both a social and team-building activity. Next term, there will be another team-building activity.

Finally, a heads-up and shout-out for our Black History Month performance, which will take place on Monday 20th October. This is always such a fantastic way to be together and celebrate a key event for our community. The month is also being recognised in many other ways in lessons, assemblies and talks.

Remembering Mihail Mishev

As many of our families are aware, we sadly lost a well-loved friend and student during the summer. To recognise this loss and celebrate his life, we are holding an event on Wednesday 8th October. This is open to all our students and the community, and we would very much welcome anyone who would like to join us and his family.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES



Monday, 6 October -

Friday 10 October

9:00 – 10:00 am

Open Mornings

Monday, 6 October

5:00 – 7:00pm

Mulberry Societies trip: The
Guardian Headquarters

Thursday, 9th October

Year 11 Information Evening
(3:45 -5:30 pm)

KS3 Information Evening
(4-5 pm)

Friday, 10th October

Global Girl Leading Summit
2025

Saturday, 11 October

10:00 - 11:00 am

Opening Morning

**Week beginning Monday, 13
October**

Praise Week

Monday 20 October. 4 - 5pm

Black History Month
Performance

NEXT WEEK WEEK 2



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regarding the transfer of school
to the Mulberry Schools Trust,
please email

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Celebrating the life of Mihail Misher



Винаги в сърцето ни

“Always in our Hearts”



Memorial:

October 8, 2025 | 4:00pm - 5:00 pm

The Hub, Mulberry Academy Woodside



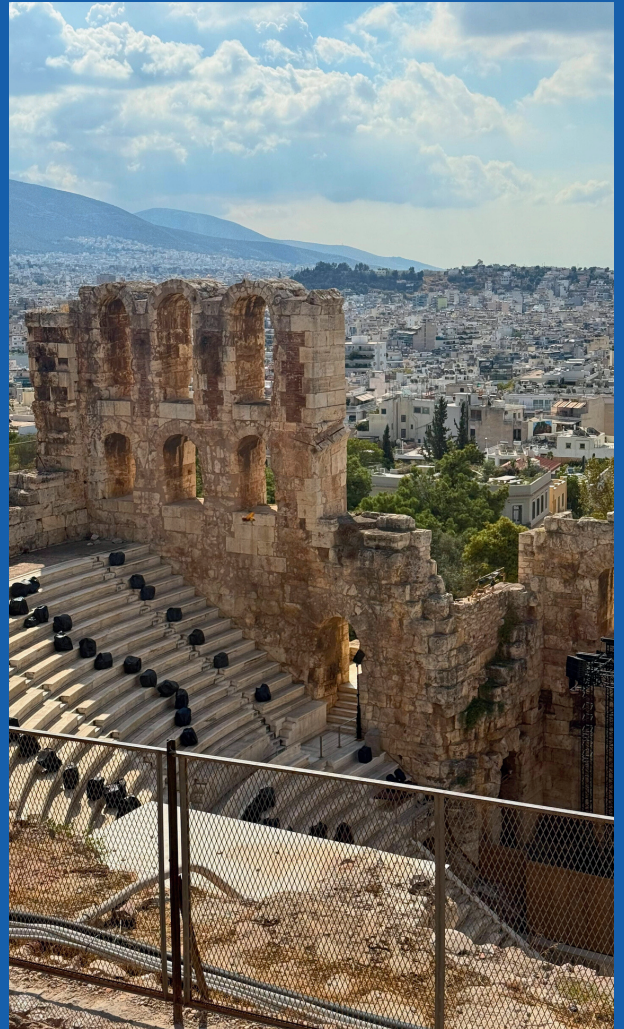
Parents and Carers are invited. Please scan QR code to RSVP.

An Unforgettable Journey into Ancient Athens

This week, our students had the chance to step back in time as they explored the history and myths of Athens.

They stood inside the first Olympic Stadium, where the spirit of competition began, and climbed to the top of the Acropolis to take in its breathtaking views. The journey continued to Delphi, home of the Oracle, where myth and history meet, and to the Ancient Agora, once the busy heart of Athenian life.

The trip was more than sightseeing. It was a chance to walk where ancient philosophers taught, athletes competed and storytellers shared their tales. Students described the experience as unforgettable and inspiring, and one they will treasure for years to come.





Year 7 witness the magic of chemistry

Year 7 pupils were dazzled by the renowned British chemist Dr Andrew Szydlo, when he returned to Mulberry Academy Woodside recently. He captivated our pupils with his engaging and dynamic demonstration, As If By Magic. His experiments, ranging from fiery explosions to fascinating chemical reactions, brought the science curriculum to life in a fun and educational way. Students were amazed by Dr Szydlo's magical chemistry and felt inspired to explore more about science.

Students left the session curious and eager to learn more, with several expressing newfound enthusiasm for STEM subjects. Some of our Year 8 pupils who attended last year's show also came to see Dr Szydlo, expressing their wish to see the show again. Dr Szydlo's ability to spark curiosity and encourage critical thinking will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on our new Year 7s, inspiring them to explore the exciting world of science beyond the classroom.

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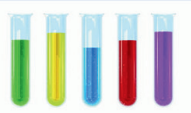


Come along to the.....

SCIENCE CLUB

AND DO SOME EXCITING SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS:

- EXPLODE HYDROGEN BALLOONS
- GROW YOUR OWN CRYSTALS
- MAKE ROCKETS
- EXTRACT DNA FROM FRUITS
- and much more.....



Every **Thursday** in **B202** at lunch break **1:00 pm to 1:25 pm.**

FUN FACT



Have you ever wondered why your eyes water when you cut an onion? Onions contain a chemical called syn-propanethial-S-oxide, which irritates the eyes and causes them to tear up.

COME AND MEET US

NO BOOKING
REQUIRED

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 6th October to
Friday 10th October

9 - 10 am

Saturday 11th October

10 - 11 am

Year 7 & 8 STEM Maths Workshop

This week, 50 year 7 and 8 students took part in an exciting STEM workshop. This workshop is designed to stretch their problem-solving skills and show how mathematics connects to wider world of science, technology, and engineering. Students worked in teams to tackle hands-on challenges, from logic puzzles and number investigation to real life problem scenarios. The activities encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skills that are essential not only in maths but across all STEM subjects.

The workshop gave pupils the chance to see maths in action beyond the classroom and appreciate its importance in everyday life and future careers. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm with students engaging confidently and sharing their strategies with one another.

A big thank you to our workshop leaders from The Talent Foundry for delivering such an inspiring event. We look forward to more opportunities to continue developing our young mathematicians and innovators.



Year 10 Mosque visit

On Thursday 2 October, a group of Year 10 GCSE RE students visited Wightman Road Mosque as part of their course. Students learned about the key parts of the Mosque including the prayer hall and mihrab.



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.



COOKIE FRIDAY

Every Friday, a group of students is chosen to enjoy a well-deserved treat for their hard work and commitment. To be in with a chance, pupils need to have achieved 100% attendance for the week or earned 20 or more praise points.

Cookie Friday is a simple way of recognising students who go the extra mile – whether that's by showing up every day ready to learn, or by consistently demonstrating positive behaviour in lessons and around school. It gives us the chance to celebrate those daily efforts that make a big difference to our school community.

The first week was a great success, with plenty of smiles (and crumbs) as students collected their cookies. We're looking forward to seeing even more pupils aiming high and joining in the celebration each Friday.



It is spooky season in the library

Come to the library this October to see our decorations for spooky season. Come design a ghost, create a 'Wanted Poster' including a famous media villain, or enjoy our display with information on scary literature and their terrifying authors.

This month, we are also running the following writing competitions for our students. Please see Mr. K in the library for more information or if you have any questions on rules or prizes.

One-Sentence Horror Story Contest

Frighten us with one simple line!

Submission Submit your chilling, brief sentence by October 24th.	Samples The last man on earth sat alone in a room, then there was a knock on the door. You have incredible skin, says the hungry dermatologist.	 The legless centipede struggled beneath the bright light of the lamp as the tweezers came in, hopefully, for the last time. The baby monitor crackled, but nobody heard the voice whisper, "Don't worry, I'm already in the room."
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Horror Flash Fiction Contest

Unleash your scariest imagination!

Contest Rules Write something short, impactful, and spooky. Submit your terrifying tales of up to 500 words by October 24th. Bring your story to Mr. K in the library or by email: bkaffman@mulberryschoolstrust.org	Prizes Offered 1 st Place: Matcha-Coloured Kindle 2 nd Place: £20 Book Voucher 3 rd Place: £10 Book Voucher
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Submit your scariest story possible and don't forget to have fun!



CELEBRATING **BLACK** **HISTORY** **MONTH**

AT MULBERRY ACADEMY WOODSIDE

**SHOWCASE 20TH OCT 4-
5PM (FOOD,
PERFORMANCES, MUSIC
AND MORE)**

- STEEL PAN WORKSHOPS
- INSPIRED ART
- FLAG COMPETITION
- ASSEMBLIES
- TUTOR ACITIVITIES
- BHM QUIZ WITH PRIZES
- LUNCH MENU CHANGES

Discovery Hunt

**PRIZES FOR ALL WHO TAKE PART
AND TOP 3 PRIZES**

**MEET IN THE HUB AT 3.10PM
23RD OCTOBER**



MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

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YEAR 10 APPLY NOW

Join our successful Mulberry STEM Academy today!

The Mulberry STEM Academy is a place of learning, inspiration and innovation in the fields of science, technology, engineering, maths, physical science and design. It is a supplementary education provision set up by the Mulberry Schools Trust and Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd.

PASSION
RESPECT
INNOVATION
DETERMINATION
EXCELLENCE

Our shared values with
Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd

If you are passionate about STEM subjects, enjoy working in teams and always strive for excellence, then the Mulberry STEM Academy is the right place for you!

APPLY NOW TO JOIN OUR WORLD-CLASS PROGRAMME!



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School for Girls
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Wood Street Primary

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Where learning works
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Canon Barnett Primary

KEY STAGE 4

The Mulberry STEM Academy offers 50 places for 14-16 year olds.

Students will participate in Saturday and school holiday activities.

This pathway will support higher achievement in STEM subjects and further develop the personal characteristics required by competitive STEM industries such as team work, determination, collaboration and respect. The pathway's content will be designed to encourage higher numbers to study A Levels in computer science, maths and physics.

Saturdays and holidays will feature as the delivery space for KS5 programmes and they will include:

This will include:

- Computer programming; all students will learn Python and advanced programming.
- Opportunity to design, build a race electric powered cars as part of the Greenpower competition
- The CREST Silver Award will be implemented through a series of real life problem solving challenges.
- Practical problem solving challenges based around engineering
- The teaching of robotics, using Pepper, the Mulberry Schools Trust's robot.
- Additional extra curricular activities, including trips

Your school will explain the
recruitment process.

The deadline is
Monday 6th October.



HOMEWORK CLUB

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

3:10 PM - 4:30 PM

LOCATION: HUB



MANGA CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY
DURING LUNCH
TIME
AT THE BIG OAK
ROOM



ATTENDANCE TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

Arriving just 10 minutes early can transform the start of the day. Children have time to settle, chat with friends, and walk into lessons calmly. Being punctual reduces stress for everyone, avoids missed learning, and sets a positive tone for the whole school day.



ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?



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

Safeguarding

**Online passwords
& privacy**

Help your child set strong, unique passwords, and remind them not to share them. Show them how to shut off sharing settings and keep personal info private.



Ms Oliver
Assistant Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Peter
Child Protection Officer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Sanford
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



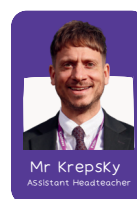
Ms Wallace
Headteacher



Mr Ashton
Deputy Headteacher



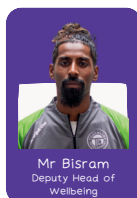
Ms Wrigglesworth
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Krepsky
Assistant Headteacher



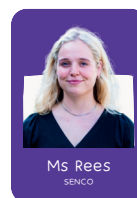
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Assistant Headteacher



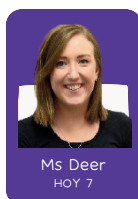
Mr Bisram
Deputy Head of
Wellbeing



Ms George-Hedley
Head of Wellbeing



Ms Rees
SENCO



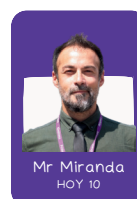
Ms Deer
HOY 7



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
Faith HAMILTON	Hafith ALI	Najma ABDI	Yordanka YORDANOVA	Mehki BENNETT
Sayeba RAZA	Naysa MOUKOUTA ELIMBI	Leanne DA COSTA CANTE	Riley ALLSOP	Inas JAUYDI
Olive MBOYO	Seth WALMSLEY	Azka AATIF	Aziz Berkcan KARAKAS	Emma OLIVEIRA
Lyra HEAPY	Larisa DORCU	Zakiya HUSSAIN	Abdel FATAH EL ABDEEN	Zion COX
Lauren CORNWALL HEATH	Abdullah KHALIL	Veer PATEL	Amir HUSSAIN	Blossom TUESDAY
Theresah BOAKYE DANQUAH	Angelica SKOUROS	Maysa AHMED	Alisson ALVES DOS SANTOS	Melda ILHAN
Mahir ERIC	Joao Pedro DOS SANTOS	Nadia KALABUN	Keiran-Lee SADLER	Maryam JAMA
Alvin KABENGELE	Arsen SANDETSKYI	Fadi NAIT SIDI AHMED	Aleksandra ALEKSANDROVA	Jayden BEGGS-MCBEAN
Zarif RAHMAN	Reka VIDA	Kaleb OLIVEIRA	Liam ALVERO	Kimora BOGARTS
Mathilda STROMMEN	Demi GONZALEZ-ROMERO	Sevval DURMUS	Mariam CHI KALISA	Alketa KANXHA

TOP 3 FORMS

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7Y

7I

HOUSE NEWS

UPCOMING

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SEP

8TH HOUSE TUTOR
TUTOR TIME QUIZ

SEP

57TH BASKETBALL
LUNCH SHOOT OUT

SEP

26TH MULTILINGUAL
LUNCH SPELLING BEE

OCT

1ST SPEED
LUNCH STACKING

OCT

6TH TEAM BUILDING
TUTOR TIME CHALLENGE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
MS RAGUSA OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

SCORE



780



760



720



560

Weekly
Praise
Winner -
5004 pts



Weekly
Attendance
Winner -
94.78%



House
Competition
Winner
(Basketball):



This week's

Values in Action

Corridor Code

Next week, our values focus will be on the Corridor Code. This is an important part of helping pupils move safely and respectfully around school so that lessons stay calm and learning is not disrupted. You can support your child at home in simple ways:

Explain why

Talk to your child about the reason behind the Corridor Code. Explain that it keeps everyone safe, makes the school feel calm, and helps lessons start on time. Children are more likely to follow rules when they understand the purpose.

Practise at home

Use your hallway or a clear space at home to practise walking quietly, keeping to one side, and moving calmly. This helps your child get used to what is expected in school.



Give reminders

A quick reminder before they leave for school can make a big difference. Phrases such as “Remember calm walking today” or “Voices off in the corridor” keep the message fresh in their mind.

Praise good effort

Notice when your child tries to follow the code, even if it isn't perfect. A small word of praise or encouragement will build their confidence and motivation to keep practising.

Link to real life

Help your child see that the Corridor Code is not just for school. Remind them it's the same as moving quietly in places like libraries, shops, or museums where calm behaviour is expected.

The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

October is upon us and we are a month closer to Enrichment Week and the November mock exams (10th November). A huge thank you to the prefect team and others for their help on what was a fantastic open evening Wednesday, you embodied the shared values of pride, respect and kindness and set the example for prospective new students and younger students at Woodside. A reminder that Period 7 is a key part of our Year 11 offering for all Y11s, to ensure all students arrive at the mock exams prepared and ready to succeed.

Further details of all the intervention available is attached in this newsletter and on display in the Ash canteen. Please get into good habits; look after your sleep, your diet and your revision now, and feel the benefits later for your exams.

Mr Whitehead

NOTICES

College Assemblies

Capital City College Group will lead assembly Monday 6th, their campuses are listed below and they remain a very popular destination for Woodside alumni. Ensure you are on time for school.

- Angel
- Holloway
- Kings Cross
- Westminster
- Enfield
- Tottenham
- Finsbury Park
- Soho
- Regent's Park
- Alexandra Centre

Morning Maths

A huge well done to those arriving 08.00 to get extra maths tuition in with Ms Halavurt. A reminder this is open to all early birds – the habits formed now will have a huge impact on the mocks and the real thing next summer!



Alumni mentoring

12 of the 2025 leavers have kindly offered to help Year 11s with academic mentoring as we come to the first set of exams. If you would be interested in working 1:1 with an ex-year 11 in the run up to your exams please email Mr Whitehead.

Study spaces

The library and B114 remain open every lunchtime as a Year 11 study/homework space. Ms Wrigglesworth is on hand and welcomes all year 11s to use the library, Mr Muriss is in B114. A reminder all year 11s with cancelled Period 7 lessons should use B114 after school – the space is open until 17.00 for revision.

Interventions timetable

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	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri		2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
8.00am - 8.40am	8am Maths B110	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B110	8.00am - 8.40am	8am Maths B110	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B108/B112	8am Maths B110
8.00am - 9.10am		Targeted Maths B110	Targeted Maths B110	Targeted Maths B110				Targeted Maths B110	Targeted Maths B110	Targeted Maths B110	
8.40am - 9.10am (tutor time)	Assembly	Key30 English Science Tutor Group	Key30 Science Science Tutor Group	Key30 Maths Science Tutor Group	Assembly	8.40am - 9.10am (tutor time)	Assembly	Key30 English Science Tutor Group	Key30 Science Science Tutor Group	Key30 Maths Science Tutor Group	Assembly
9.10am - 10.50am (period 1-2)	Lessons					9.10am - 10.50am (period 1-2)	Lessons				
Break						Break					
11.10am - 12.50pm (period 3-4)	Lessons					11.10am - 12.50pm (period 3-4)	Lessons				
Lunch	Revision Space - B112 & Library					Lunch	Revision Space - B112 & Library				
1.30pm - 3.10pm (period 5-6)	Lessons					1.30pm - 3.10pm (period 5-6)	Lessons				
3.10pm - 4.00pm (boosters)	Option block 4	Maths - J Science - K	Biology (separate only)	Opt3 / Further Maths group	TKTCB Science Club - B210	3.10pm - 4.00pm (boosters)	Option block 2	Science - J Maths - K	English	Opt1 / Further Maths group	TKTCB Science Club - B210
3.10pm - 5.00pm	ThirdSpace (Maths AI) Tuition - B112					3.10pm - 5.00pm	ThirdSpace (Maths AI) Tuition - B112				

CAREERS



Year 11 College Event

We are excited to invite all Year11 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!

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 theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe.

This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.

"Norton Rose Fulbright strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone can bring their whole self to work and realise their career potential." Watch this video from a Norton Rose Trainee Lawyer about her experience in banking.

Paul Boateng, the UK's first Black Cabinet Minister, is a trailblazer who transformed British politics and diplomacy. From his early fight for justice as a civil rights lawyer to his historic achievements in Parliament and as High Commissioner to South Africa, Boateng's life is a testament to resilience, representation, and the power of change. Read his story here.

John Henry Smythe (1915–1996), better known as Johnny Smythe, lived a life that bridged two of the most important chapters of Black British history: service in the Second World War and the story of the Windrush generation. From the skies over Europe to the courts of West Africa, his journey reflects courage, resilience, and a lasting commitment to justice. Read his story here.

Malorie Blackman's "Noughts & Crosses" is a groundbreaking series of novels that reverses racial stereotypes to examine racism and prejudice. Adapted into a TV series, you can watch all episodes of Noughts + Crosses on BBC iPlayer.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Film Director

Directors are integral to the success of any film project, playing a central role in shaping the creative vision and narrative and bringing together all artistic elements to form a cohesive final product. During production, a typical day is between 10 and 12 hours. However, as a director you will usually spend extra time in meetings discussing aspects of the production.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

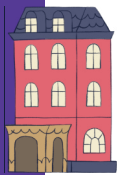
"According to a 2019 report by the UK's Department for Education, only about 4% of teachers in state-funded schools identified as Black, Asian, or from other minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. The figure for Black male teachers represents a much smaller fraction of this already small percentage."

Source

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

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OPPORTUNITIES



"JTL provides the perfect foundation for your career in the building services engineering industry. With expert tutors, state-of the art training centres and a proven track record of producing skilled, confident and competent professionals you can trust that JTL is the right choice for your training needs." Find out more [here](#).



The Toledo Scholarship was established in 2005 by one of the world's most successful producers and NFTS governor Duncan Kenworthy (Four Weddings and a Funeral, Notting Hill) to enable talented newcomers from the UK's ethnic minorities to fast-track their ambitions and join the British film industry. Find out more [here](#).



"Whether you are already interested in film, TV and games, or you haven't yet discovered the world of opportunities behind the camera — we want to work with you! The Access NFTS: Insight events are introductory sessions designed for anyone wanting to discover more about the wide range of potential career opportunities behind the camera." Register your interest [here](#).



This [TV and Film work experience programme](#) from Springpod has it all, you'll get the chance to direct a short film, take part in quizzes that put your knowledge to the test and hear from industry professionals, like film critics and heads of production.



Scholarships provide essential financial support, making education more accessible while allowing students to focus on their studies, personal growth, and future ambitions. [Read this guide](#) on applying for University Scholarships.



On Monday 13th October, join the UCL Media Virtual Open Event for 1-2pm to get an overview of the course, experience a taster session and ask our staff and students any questions you might have. Register [here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our unique mission and purpose serves our audiences – in the UK and globally – with high-quality, impartial output and services which inform, educate and entertain.

We push boundaries, challenge thinking and produce content that people love."

Find out more about careers with the BBC [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Choosing the [University of St Andrews](#) means you're not just gaining a degree—you're becoming part of a close-knit community that encourages you to explore new ideas, challenge the status quo, and push boundaries. Students have access to renowned faculty, cutting-edge research opportunities, and a global network of alumni that will support your future career, wherever it may take you."

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