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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy Friday. It has been a very busy week. Year 11 students finish practical exams in 3D design, art and photography. They produce some beautiful work. Lower down the school, students show their creativity in the House Christmas Card competition. The winning designs become this year's official school card.

Year 8 students take part in a range of employer sessions at our careers fair. Research shows that early careers advice helps young people make informed decisions as they move through school.

In the run up to Christmas, we run an initiative to support good punctuality. Cold mornings make it harder to get up and out, so encourage students to leave a little earlier. Buses take longer on wet days. We open from 7.30 with clubs and free breakfast for all students.

We will also run a food donation for a local food bank. Please donate only if you can. Students can bring items on an ad hoc basis if they have anything spare.

If you would like to support charitable work this winter, look out for the flyer below for the Basket Brigade food pack on 23 December, held at Mulberry Woodside.

A reminder

On Tuesday 2 December, we hold our GCSE certification evening for the class of 2025. Students and families are welcome from 4 to 5pm, and refreshments will be available.

On Wednesday 17 December, we host our school fair followed by our Christmas Concert. We hope to see many families join us.

Several other events take place over the next few weeks. Please see the attached list for details.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES



Tuesday 2 December

GCSE Certificate
Evening

Friday 5 December

Year 7 Winter Ball

Thursday 11

December Year 9
Parents evening

Wednesday 17 December

Winter Festival: Concert &
Stalls

Thursday 18 December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 19 December

End of Term (1 pm finish)

Monday 22 December -

Friday 2 January 2026

Winter Break

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

WINTER



★ AT ★ MULBERRY ACADEMY WOODSIDE

FRI
5TH DEC

YEAR 7
WINTER BALL
16:30 - 18:00

TUE
16 DEC

HOUSE COMPETITION
FESTIVE ESCAPE ROOM

WED
17 DEC

WINTER CELEBRATION (FESTIVAL
AND PERFORMANCE)
13:30 - 18:00

THURS
18TH DEC

SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
LUNCH & JUMPER
DAY

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

WINTER FOOD DRIVE
BASKET BRIGADE UK

YEAR 8 WINTER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

'SIT IN' READING

TAKE A BREAK AND
READ WITH YOUR
FRIENDS IN A QUIETER
SPACE AND FILL UP
SOME SNACKS

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
LIBRARY

COMIC STRIP COMPETITION

'WHAT WILL
LONDON LOOK
LIKE IN 2125?'

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
LIBRARY

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

'WHAT WILL
LONDON LOOK
LIKE IN 2125?'

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
LIBRARY

DANCE ALONG SESSION

TRY YOUR HAND AT A
DANCE TUTORIAL WITH
YOUR FRIENDS USING
THE ASSEMBLY
PROJECTOR SCREEN

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER
ASSEMBLY HAL

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

'WHAT WILL
LONDON LOOK
LIKE IN 2125?'

WEDNESDAY 10TH
DECEMBER COURT YARD

CHESS AND UNO CHAMPIONSHIP

'WHAT WILL
LONDON LOOK
LIKE IN 2125?'

FRIDAY 12TH
DECEMBER A102

SCHOOL QUIZ

HELD IN THE HALL
(WITH PRIZES!)

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER
ASSEMBLY HAL

COLOURING SESSION

CREATE YOUR
OWN PIECE OF
ART TO BRING
HOME!

WEDNESDAY 18TH
DECEMBER A102

Top prize- pizza party for you and 7 other friends

2nd and 3rd runner up will receive a chocolate prize and a £10 amazon voucher

4th and 5th will receive a chocolate prize

Year 8 explore the world of work

This week, our Year 8 students took part in an exciting Careers Fair delivered in a dynamic carousel format. The event brought together a range of external guests from diverse industries, giving students the chance to explore possible future pathways and develop their understanding of the world of work.

Across the morning, students rotated between a series of interactive stations led by professionals including engineers, lawyers, digital media specialists, healthcare workers, entrepreneurs, and representatives from the charity and public sectors. Each session offered hands-on activities and real-life insights, allowing students to ask questions, discuss career journeys, and discover the skills employers value most.

Students commented on how inspiring it was to hear about different career routes, including the importance of resilience, teamwork and lifelong learning. For some, the event opened their eyes to opportunities they had never previously considered.

The Careers Fair forms an important part of our school's commitment to high-quality careers education. A huge thank you to all our visitors for giving up their time and providing such meaningful guidance. Our Year 8s left feeling motivated, informed, and excited about the possibilities ahead!



Year 11 students attend workshop at National Portrait Gallery

In November, as part of their Coursework, Year 11 Photography students attended a Photographic Workshop at the National Portrait Gallery in Central London. They took inspiration from the artist's work in the galleries and worked in small teams to record portraits of each other with focus on composition & lighting. The staff at the gallery were really impressed with their enthusiasm, teamwork and experimentation, well done!





Students enjoy cinema trip for positive effort

A total of 50 Year 9 and Year 10 students enjoyed a special trip to the cinema to watch Jurassic World Rebirth as a reward for their consistent effort, excellent attendance, and positive behaviour throughout the term. This outing was designed to celebrate those who continually strive to meet expectations and set a positive example for others. Students were incredibly excited about watching the film, and their enthusiasm was clear from the moment they set off. Once at the cinema, they were fully engaged, and many shared how much they enjoyed.

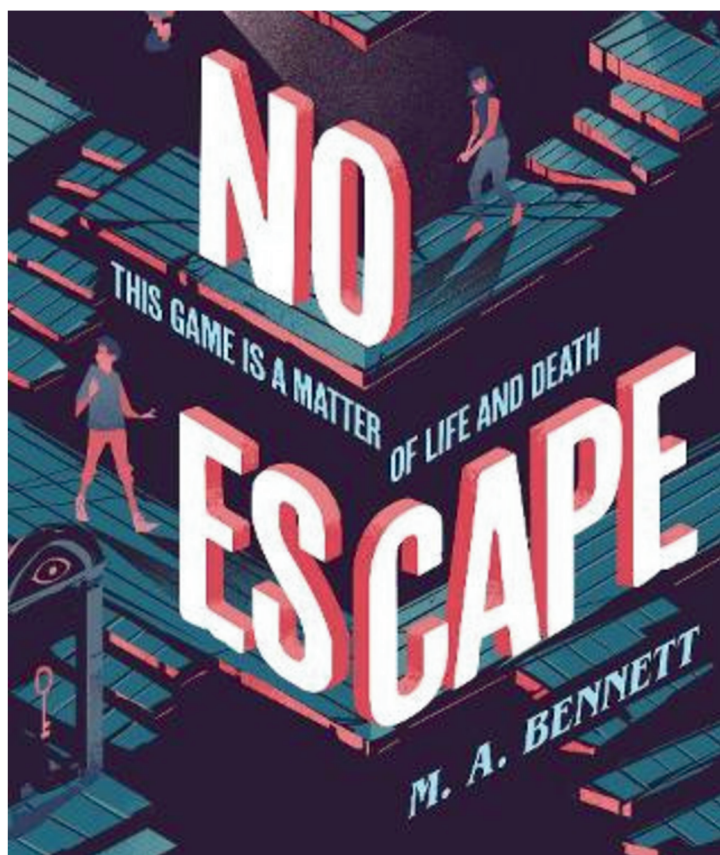
The trip not only recognised their hard work but also encouraged them to continue demonstrating the qualities that make our school community strong. It was a well-deserved break and a reminder that perseverance and good choices bring rewarding experiences. We are proud of the students who earned this opportunity and hope it motivates others to do the same. There will be more rewards offered throughout the year for those who consistently show improvement, maintain strong attendance, and uphold our core school values: kindness, pride, and respect.

Upcoming author visit: M A Bennett

The Library is also excited to announce that we will have an author coming to visit the school on the 10th of December. Look forward to welcoming M A Bennett to speak about her book, 'No Escape.' She will come for a brief presentation on her book, sign copies, and surely answer any questions our students may have. Purchase the signed book using the QR Code Below. There will be more information to come in following newsletters!



Please use the following QR Code to Pre-Order Books for your student and ensure a space in our event. When ordering please use the notes section to write your child's full name and class. This will ensure your child receives their signed book on the day. Please let Mr. K know if you have more questions.



Movement and storytelling in Year 9 drama

This week, Year 9 students had the privilege of taking part in a dynamic drama workshop led by experienced actors from Flowers of Srebrenica. The visitors introduced students to the techniques of physical theatre, encouraging them to use movement, body language, and ensemble work to communicate emotion and narrative without relying on spoken words.

Through practical activities, students learned how physical theatre can bring powerful stories to life and deepen audience connection. The workshop also helped develop confidence, teamwork, and creative expression—key skills both in drama and across the wider curriculum.

We are grateful to the Flowers of Srebrenica team for inspiring our students and giving them a memorable, hands-on learning experience.



Safeguarding

Use everyday moments

Use dinner, bedtime, car rides to check in about feelings, worries, friendships, and online life. Listen without judgment.

Tips:

- Ask open-ended questions: "What was the best part of your day?"
- Reflect and validate feelings: "That sounds frustrating."
- Give your full attention: put away phones or distractions.
- Encourage problem-solving: "What could help?"
- Follow up later to show you remember and care.

ATTENDANCE TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

Encourage your child to pack their school bag each evening. This helps them develop independence and organisation and prevents forgotten homework, PE kits, or reading books.

Tips:

- Use a simple checklist of daily essentials.
- Include preparing uniform and equipment (Big 6)
- Make it part of their evening routine.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?



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



Ms Oliver
Assistant Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Peter
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Sanford
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Wallace
Headteacher



Mr Ashton
Deputy Headteacher



Ms Wrigglesworth
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Krepsky
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Rabbitts
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Bissam
Deputy Head of Learning



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

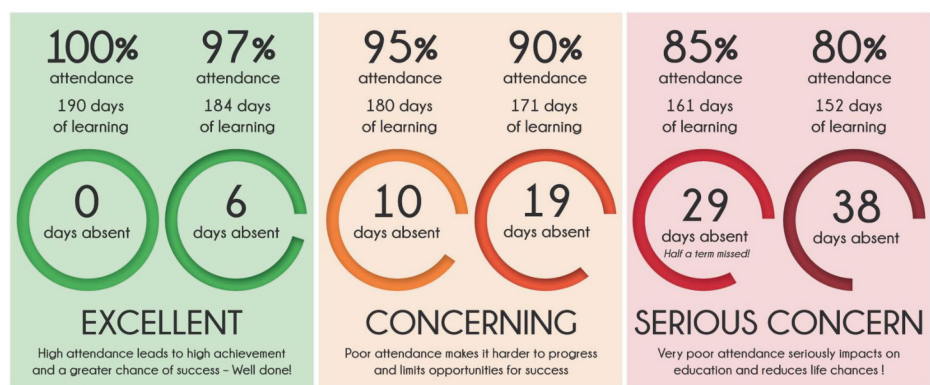
If you have any questions or concerns regarding SEN provision, please feel free to get in touch directly at jrees@mulberryschoolstrust.org

ATTENDANCE LADDER



ATTEND AND ACHIEVE

SCHOOL SUCCESS STARTS WITH SHOWING UP. EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS.



The Attend and Achieve approach to education at Woodside is rooted in the fact that school attendance is a significant determining factor in attainment outcomes and GCSE grades. Students with no absence are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs A*-C or equivalent.

Excellent attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time or at least 184 days.

Reporting an Absense

When a child is absent from school without prior permission, parents/carers should inform the school by telephone on the first day of absence and every day thereafter to give the reason for absence.

Contact with the attendance team:

1. Calling 020 8889 6761 selecting option 1, and leaving a message
2. Using the IRIS app/ MyEd app
3. Email attendance.team@mulberrywoodside.org

Parents/ carers must clearly state:

- The child's full name, year group and form
- The date of absence including when they are likely to return
- Details about child's symptoms and whether they have visited the GP*

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to authorise any child's absence from school. Therefore, absences will be treated as unauthorised unless a satisfactory explanation is given to the school.

Parents/carers cannot authorise absences and should be aware that either calling the school or providing a note for an absence does not automatically mean it will be authorised.

Family holidays and term time leave

Parents and carers must ensure that family holidays and any other term-time leave are arranged outside of school term dates.

Parents and carers must not remove their child from school during term time without first obtaining a written leave of absence from the Headteacher. Permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and supporting evidence may be required.

Please note that unauthorised term-time leave may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Term time dates can be viewed here:

<https://www.mulberrywoodside.org/parent-information/diary-listing-term-dates/>

Tips for Students

How to get yourself to school on time

1. Plan for traffic or transport delays

Leave home earlier to allow extra time for unexpected issues on the road or public transport.

2. Prepare everything the night before

Pack your bag, check your timetable, lay out your uniform, and get homework ready.

3. Set multiple alarms

Use more than one alarm or place your alarm across the room so you have to get up to turn it off.

4. Go to bed at a consistent time

A good night's sleep makes waking up easier and helps you be alert in the morning.

5. Avoid morning distractions

Limit phone use or gaming before school so you stay on schedule.

Tips for Parents

How to get your child to school on time

1. Establish a consistent evening routine

Help your child prepare their bag, uniform, and equipment before bed to avoid a rushed morning.

2. Set a regular bedtime

Ensure your child is getting enough sleep so waking up isn't a struggle.

3. Wake-up support

Encourage your child to set alarms, and check they're awake if needed.

4. Leave earlier than necessary

Build extra time into the morning journey to account for traffic or delays.

5. Limit morning screen time

Phones, TVs, and gaming can slow down the morning routine. Keep them switched off until your child is ready for school.



THIS WEEK'S VALUES IN ACTION



LOOKING AFTER THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

YOU CAN ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD BY:

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

REMINDE THEM TO PUT ALL RUBBISH IN THE BIN, KEEP THEIR DESK TIDY, AND LEAVE THEIR SPACE READY FOR THE NEXT PERSON WHO USES IT. SMALL HABITS HELP CREATE A CLEANER AND CALMER ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE.

RESPECT SCHOOL PROPERTY

BOOKS, DESKS, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYGROUND ITEMS LAST LONGER WHEN THEY ARE TREATED WITH CARE. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO USE THINGS PROPERLY, AVOID DAMAGE, AND REPORT ANY BROKEN ITEMS SO THEY CAN BE FIXED QUICKLY.

USE RESOURCES WISELY

TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT NOT WASTING WATER, PAPER OR ELECTRICITY. SIMPLE ACTIONS HELP, SUCH AS TURNING OFF TAPS, TAKING ONLY THE PAPER THEY NEED, AND SWITCHING OFF LIGHTS WHEN LEAVING A ROOM.

CARE FOR SHARED SPACES

AREAS LIKE THE LIBRARY, CLASSROOMS AND PLAYGROUND ARE USED BY ALL STUDENTS. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO KEEP THESE SPACES CLEAN, RETURN ITEMS TO THE RIGHT PLACE, AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

A TIDY AND RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE CAN INFLUENCE OTHERS. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE AND SUPPORT FRIENDS IN LOOKING AFTER THE SCHOOL. WHEN STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER, THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS.



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WEEKLY PRAISE POINTS LEADERBOARD

TOP 10 STUDENTS IN Y7	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN Y8	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN Y9	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN Y10	TOP 10 STUDENTS IN Y11	TOP 3 FORMS
Theresah BOAKYE DANQUAH (7L)	Mia BORO (8E)	Ada KABA (9U)	Elsa HAZIRI (10Y)	Jayden BEGGS-MCBEAN (11Q)	7L
Faith HAMILTON (7L)	Mizgin YAYGIR (8U)	Anisha SSEGUYA (9Q)	Liam ALVERO (10Q)	Kristen MAVROVA (11E)	
Veronika CHOROPITA (7U)	Sophie SZOLLOSI REVAI (8U)	Veer PATEL (9U)	Abdel FATAH EL ABDEEN (10A)	Emma OLIVEIRA (11E)	7U
Desire EKPO (7L)	Eliana DEMETRIOU (8A)	Hadi NAIT SIDI AHMED (9U)	Halime BEKIRI REXHEPI (10Y)	Luca DOBREA (11U)	
Mariam MUSKAN (7L)	Larisa DORCU (8T)	Amanda PODNIEGE (9U)	Kayla YAKUP (10A)	Kakhi JIMSHELEISHVILI (11E)	7E
Lauren CORNWALL HEATH (7L)	Zakir MIAH (8E)	Jake WEEKES (9U)	Sihaam YUSUF (10E)	Aleksandar YORDANOV (11U)	
Dalia GEGOVA (7L)	Manesse FRIMPONG (8U)	Sohaib MOUSSOUNI (9U)	Alisson ALVES DOS SANTOS (10A)	Dhruv GROVER (11Q)	
Enrique KABIA (7L)	Abdullah KHALIL (8Y)	Lili OUAZZA (9Q)	Denaisha JOSEPH-ANDREWS (10A)	Thadshaagene THANGARAJAH (11Q)	
Darija HRISTICENKO (7L)	Ruzgar SAGLAM (8U)	Kenza HAKIMI (9U)	Marisia LALA (10E)	Mihaela MALANCA (11I)	
Meriem AIT AMER (7L)	Demi GONZALEZ-ROMERO (8Q)	Nadia KALABUN (9U)	Lexi MORLAND (10A)	Axam KAKANDE (11I)	

WEEKLY HOUSE SCORE



2240

Weekly
Praise
Winner -
6157 pts



2200

Weekly
Attendance
Winner -
94.58%



2040

House Competition:



1960

Penalty
Shootout



HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Remember you get praise points for participation



House
captain event
support

10 points



House comp
individual
winner

30 points



House event
participation

20 points

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
MS OLIVER OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS



Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.

Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



Vaccination UK
Immunisation Provider for
NHS



BASKET BRIGADE IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!

On Dec 23, Woodside School is proud to be hosting Basket Brigade once more and we would love as many students to come and help out for the day. Of course, do bring your mums, dads, brothers and sisters too!





LEO POWELL

Haringey
LONDON

and Partners presents

FREE COUNTY LINES AWARENESS EVENT

Saturday 13th December
10am to 1:30pm

Refreshments will be provided

Haringey Sixth Form College
White Hart Lane, London, N17 8HR

SCAN HERE
TO BOOK



The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

Well done, Year 11!

Well done a good week. Attendance has dropped slightly since the mock exams; please be aware crucial content is being covered in lessons and you must be in school on time every day to make the most of this. Any students arriving late will be placed in a same-day detention after booster that day

Mr Whitehead

NOTICES

Key dates and events for the final three weeks of term

Friday 28th November – Reflection on assessments assembly (Mr Rabbitts)

Monday 1st December – ACC College

Friday 5th December – Praise assembly (Mr Muriss)

Monday 8th December – Greig City Academy Sixth Form

Friday 12th December – MOCK RESULTS HANDED OUT

Monday 15th December – Revision strategies for the holidays (Ms Wigglesworth)

Alumni mentoring reminder

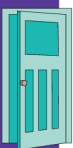
Many of you have taken up the alumni mentoring – well done.

Please, if you are interested, speak to Mr Whitehead or Ms Wallace. The mentors from LAET will be in the hub daily to assist with English, Maths and Science.


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




Open Doors takes you behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. On Monday 23rd – Saturday 28th March 2026 across all types of construction sites, as well as training and manufacturing facilities, depots and offices – online sessions will also be available. Bookings will open on Monday 12th January 2026.




Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not learn more about these career options... Find a role for you.




This virtual work experience gives you a behind-the-scenes look at how Arcadis engineers, designers, and project managers solve some of the world's biggest challenges. You'll explore the history and future of architecture and infrastructure, meet professionals shaping our built environment, and reflect on how your skills could make an impact.



Bowmer + Kirkland is one of the UK's most successful construction and development companies. Discover life in pre-construction, construction management and commercial, and hear from the experts at the forefront of it all. Find out more here.



Join AtkinsRéalis and you'll work on global projects across diverse sectors, tackling today's most pressing challenges. From growing populations and transportation needs to climate change – you'll help merge ingenuity, knowledge and technology to uplift communities and engineer a safer, better tomorrow. Explore roles here.



Discover how adventure can build the skills needed to lead, inspire, and make a difference. This session on Wednesday 14th January - 10:00 - 11:00, explores real stories from expedition leaders who've faced challenges in the world's most extreme environments. Learn how teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving in the wild translate into powerful lessons for leadership in any career path.

JOB OF THE WEEK



As a building surveyor, you'll complete detailed reports, known as building surveys. Within these, you'll identify defects and advise on repair, maintenance and restoration options. You may implement preventative measures to keep buildings in good condition and look for ways to make buildings sustainable. A large proportion of the working day spent on site.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


For Young People aged 16-24, employment levels are up by 17,000. The employment rate has increased by 0.2%, now at 52.2%. This means there were 3.89 million young people in employment in July to September 2025.

Source


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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER


OPPORTUNITIES




Brighton University are hosting an Interview preparation talk and Q+A on Thursday 11th December 17:00 -18:00. Get advice from staff and current students about what to expect and how to get ready for your interview. Book your place [here](#).




Exeter University's 'Discover University' platform provides information, advice and guidance aimed at prospective students. They are hosting a Free Webinar focused on the UCAS Process on Monday 5th January 18:00 - 19:00. Browse more events and book [here](#).




Join the Tesco Early Careers team on Monday 8th December at 16:00 to learn about the apprenticeships available, what is involved, the benefits available, and more. Don't worry if you can't make it on the day, [sign up anyway](#) and they'll send you the recording so you don't miss out.




On Tuesday 20th January from 13:00 - 14:00, you can discover everything you need to know about the BA(Hons) Illustration course at Falmouth University. In the session, they will explore what you will learn on the course, and how online study works. Book your place [here](#).



Are you ready to gain new skills and future proof yourself for any career? Whether you're planning to enter the workforce after secondary school, sixth form, college or as a university graduate, the Digdata programme invites you to gain [virtual work experience](#) with [their partners](#)



BTEC Higher Nationals, like the Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND), are career-focused qualifications equal to the first two years of an undergraduate degree or foundation degree. Read [this guide](#) to learn more.



Do you dream of shaping the skylines of tomorrow? Is your passion the history and future of our evolving landscapes? Join 3DReid for two action packed days, 2nd - 3rd March 2026 to dive into the dynamic world of architecture. [Apply](#) by the 13th February.

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

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"The built environment is always evolving, and McLaren are at the forefront of that change. As we expand into new sectors, we are looking for the next generations of True Builders, to contribute to our continued success and take on a rewarding career in construction. If you're looking to be part of a dynamic, forward-thinking company, there are a variety of early talent opportunities waiting for you." Find out more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Join an inspiring and collaborative community that champions individuality and student support. At the University of Roehampton, you'll enjoy future-proof courses designed with leading employers, industry experts teaching you from day one and professional-standard facilities to prepare you for the world of work." Read more [here](#).