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ADVENTURE AND CHALLENGE IN THE BRECON BEACONS



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Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Eid Mubarak to our families. Monday will be our final week before Easter break. We also wish our Kurdish community a happy new year, and we have a lunchtime event in place in room C008.

It's been a busy and focused week. Well done to our Year 11 students who have been focused in their efforts in relation to their assessments. These are great ways to drip-feed the revision for long-term memory gains. On Tuesday 24th, families are invited in for Year 11 to collect Easter revision resources alongside a comprehensive programme for the first week of the holidays.

Students this week were engaged in assemblies and sessions for Science Week. We had the Wonderdome planetarium in all week for our Year 7 students and visitors from primary schools.

Next week we have reward assemblies alongside our usual run of learning activities, with the waffle stand at the end of the week celebrating attendance. We also have a group of students going to Barcelona for a business and Spanish trip. At the end of the year we have another trip to Spain and, if your child is keen, we still have spaces. Please email heads of year.

If you have a child or relative joining in September, a reminder we have a free Easter school on Monday 30th March.

All the best for the weekend ahead. A reminder that next week, Wednesday, 25th March, is our Year 8 Parents Evening and we break up for Easter on Friday, 27th, at lunchtime.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING
KEY DATES



Mon 23 March

Newroz Celebrations

Tue 24 March

Year 11 T2 Mock Exam

Student/Parents

Results Evening

Wed 25 March

Year 8 Parents Evening

Fri 27 March

End of Term (1 pm
finish)

Mon 30 March - Fri 10

April

Easter Break

**NEXT WEEK:
WEEK 1**



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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

Mud, Mountains and Memories

The residential trip to Pendarren House was as exciting as ever, the first group of Year 8 students spending the weekend in the Brecon Beacons. Surrounded by mountains, rivers and forests, students stepped away from the classroom and into a weekend of challenge and adventure.

Students took part in a range of activities including gorge walking, mountain walking, kayaking and team building challenges. They worked together, supported one another and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. Evening activities brought everyone together, giving students time to reflect and enjoy the experience as a group.



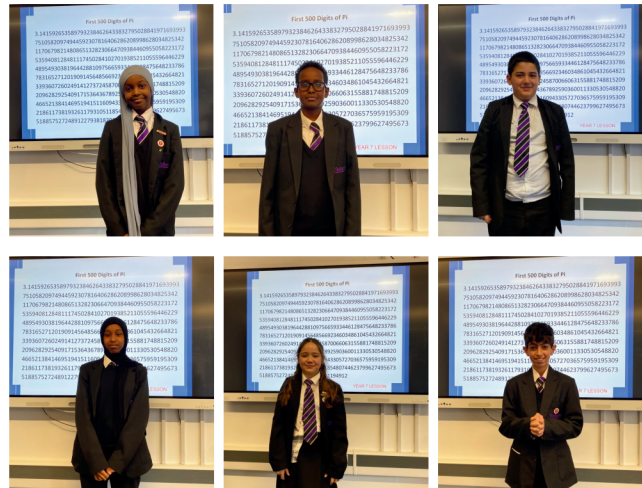
One student shared, "Gorge walking was my favourite, it was challenging but really fun." Another said, "I didn't think I could do it, but everyone encouraged me and I'm proud I did."



The trip encouraged students to connect with nature, build confidence and develop new skills. Their behaviour throughout reflected the Woodside values of Pride, Respect and Kindness. It was a fantastic weekend that students will not forget.

107 Digits and Counting: Pi Day Takes Over School

Pi Day on Friday 13 March brought maths to life across the school, with puzzles, challenges and plenty of π -themed fun. A big thank you to all staff and departments who helped create such an engaging and energetic day.



The Pi Recitation Competition was a highlight, with students showing impressive focus as they recalled as many digits of π as possible. Strong efforts came from Mimuna Jalloh (17 digits), Eren Emirali (8), Salma Hussein (10), Lyra Heapy (40), Cihan Cifcikaya (9), Ramzi Moallim (11) and Alvin Kabengele (14).

In a closely contested final, Aatikah Ali took third place with 63 digits, Anastazja Glowczyk secured second with 81 digits, and Abdullah Shah claimed first place with an incredible 107 digits.

Students also took part in a Pi Day Poetry Competition, where each line followed the digits of π through syllable count. Entries from Nafisah Chowdhury, Busra Basri and Hibah Ibanda showed creativity and precision, but it was Sofian Dirvonskis in Year 8 who took first place with a thoughtful and well-crafted poem.

Pi Day was a fantastic celebration of curiosity, creativity and mathematical thinking, with students rising to the challenge and showing just how engaging maths can be.

Fun Facts About Pi Day

- 1 Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day
- 2 There are no zeros in the first 31 digits of pi
- 3 Pi has been calculated out more than one trillion digits (that's 1,000,000,000,000!) and it never repeats
- 4 Chao Lu holds a world record for remembering the value of pi up to 67,890 digits, which took 24 hours 4 seconds to recite

British Science Week Poster Competition 2026



Theme: Positive Childhoods – Now and in the Future

Your Challenge: design a poster

What makes children's lives positive today? What will a positive childhood look like in the future?

Imagine yourself — or children you may have one day — living in the future:

- What would a positive childhood look like for them?
- What might they be playing, doing, eating, learning or thinking?
- Who would they spend their time with?
- How might life be different?
- If you could talk to a young person from the year 2036, what would you want to know?
- What do you think their childhood might look like?

Entry Guidelines

- One page only (A4 or A3).
- Be clear, thoughtful, and informative.
- Communicate your ideas effectively.
- Be creative — think outside the box!

Competition Details

- Open to ages 11–16 (Ash, Birch, Cedar, Willow).
- Submit your poster to Dr Hasan in the Science Department.
- Deadline: Thursday 26th March 2025.
- Judging by a panel of science specialists

Prizes

- 25 Praise Points for each valid entry.
- 50 Praise Points for finalists.
- Amazon vouchers for year group winners.
- Winning posters sent to the national competition.

More info: www.britishsienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition

NEWROZ PIROZ BE

Celebrate the Kurdish New Year in
room C008 at lunctime!

23rd March 2026

FOODS • DRINKS • MUSIC

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



House News

UPCOMING

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

FEB 23RD TUTOR TIME **WELLBEING MANTRAS**

MAR 5TH LUNCH C109 **MINDFUL COLOURING**

MAR 13th LUNCH **PI RECITAL**

MAR 16TH TUTOR QUIZ **TUTOR QUIZ**

MAR 25TH AFTER SCHOOL **EGG HUNT**

Mulberry Academy Woodside

FOR MORE INFORMATION MS RAGUSA OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Next week : Egg hunt
Afterschool Year 7 area



PRAISE

WINNER

CEDAR

ATTENDANCE

ASH

20 PRAISE POINTS PER ENTRY

Photography competition

March's Prompt **Belong**

February winners Well Done! Mehki and Ms Halavurt

Email your photos to sragusa@mulberryschoolstrust.org

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

5530	4835	5495	5375
ASH	BIRCH	CEDAR	WILLOW

House captain meeting

every week 2 Thursday

Tutor time in C109

Meet M ; Ragusa at Y8 line up area

Listen out for the Tannoy message on Powerhouse days

DOUBLE PRAISE POINTS

40= PARTICIPATION 60 = WINNER

POWERHOUSE

Trampolining Basketball shoot out
1 VS 1 Table Tennis
Penalty shoot-out Speed Stacking

Remember you get praise points for participation

House captain event support	House comp individual winner	House event participation
10 points	30 points	20 points



Safeguarding

Health & wellbeing

Health and wellbeing now span both online and offline life. Screen time is part of daily routine, but balance matters. Long periods online can affect focus, mood, and sleep, so regular breaks and limits help.

Staying active supports both body and mind. Simple habits like walking or light exercise each day can boost energy and concentration.

Sleep is key. Late screen use can disrupt rest, so a set bedtime and less screen time in the evening can improve sleep quality.

Mental health needs regular attention. Online spaces can bring both connection and pressure, so it helps to switch off, talk to others, and notice how you feel.

ATTENDANCE TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

DREAM BIG

Attendance today builds opportunities tomorrow. Talk to your child about their dreams for the future — whether that's university, an apprenticeship, or a career they're excited about. Remind them that every day in school helps them move closer to those goals.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?



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



Ms Oliver
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Peter
Deputy Headteacher



Ms Sanford
Deputy Headteacher



Ms Wallace
Headteacher



Mr Ashton
Deputy Headteacher



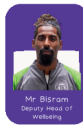
Ms Wrigglesworth
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Krepky
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Rabbitts
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Blisom
Head of Wellbeing



Ms George-Headley
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



KEY RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES

Easter Break: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Summer Term 1 Starts: Monday 13th April (All students return to school)

Summer Term 1 Ends: Friday 22nd May

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Summer Term 2 Starts: Monday 1st June

Summer Term 2 Ends: Friday 17th July (1pm finish)

RE:SET

Parent and Carer Information Sessions on Relationships Education

Mulberry Academy Woodside is working with Tender Education and Arts between January and December 2026 to become a Healthy Relationships Champion School.

The RE:SET Project is their healthy relationships whole school approach. They are supporting us to deliver relationships education sessions throughout the school with staff, pupils and parents/carers. You can find out more on their website: www.tenderreset.org.uk

This year, Tender will be facilitating information sessions for parents and carers on how you can support your child to have healthy relationships with themselves and others.

As part of the RE:SET Project, we want to better understand the opinions and experiences of parents and carers about relationships education, as well as when you would like to attend an information session.

We would appreciate it if you could take 5-minutes to complete [this parent voice survey](#). It is anonymous, unless you choose to share your identity. You can click the hyperlink or scan the QR code below.

It will ask for your school's Unique ID code, which is: **05466**





Highgate Cricket Club Community Project

2026



Who We Are

We were formed in 1879

We play at the stunning Shepherd's Cot Ground

We field 6 XIs on Saturdays, 2 on Sundays and 1 Midweek, providing league and friendly cricket to players of all ages and abilities.

Our vibrant Junior Section runs teams for Under 6s to Under 17s, with training delivered by ECB qualified coaches

We have a growing Girls Section

We are a fun, inclusive and sociable club, and look forward to welcoming you

What Our Aims are



What is the Highgate CC Ethos

1. To ensure that everyone becomes more active
2. To improve everyone's self confidence and Mental Health
3. To help everyone to make friendships through playing cricket
4. To help build Teamwork and Respect for everyone
5. To show how much FUN cricket can be
6. To SPREAD THE WORD that cricket is an amazing game to be involved in
7. To create a legacy that underpins cricket at our club for generations to come

It doesn't matter how good anyone is, what matters is that everyone feels included regardless of AGE, ABILITY, GENDER or SOCIAL BACKGROUND. What we always look at is what we can offer everyone as club.



How can you help us to promote Highgate CC

That we can come in and RUN a FREE school open day where we coach All of the children in the school

RUN FREE sessions in your community group.

That we can do assemblies

That we can promote our cricket club through our training fliers in the school

HCC aims to continue to be a community club that grows from strength to strength and creates a legacy for future generations

#ACLUBFORALL



• Please Contact Head of Junior Cricket Jim Clarke on 07514 664163

• Many thanks for reading and please help us Spread the Word and continue to grow our amazing club

• Instagram @highgateccl

• Facebook Highgate Cricket Club

Community Event Using Visuals at Home

SEND

Hosted by Haringey's Language and Autism Support Team and SEND Power

- Tuesday, 28 April 2026
- 10am to 12pm
- Chestnuts Community Centre
N15 5BN

Join us to explore simple, practical ways to use visuals at home to support communication and reduce overwhelm for Autistic children and young people.

Who is it for?

Parents and carers of Autistic young people in Haringey schools and colleges.

What to expect:

- Practical tips for using visuals at home
- Insights from families and practitioners
- Space to share your experiences
- Helpful strategies to support daily routines
- A supportive environment to connect with others



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SEND POWER
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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 Students' Guide to University 2026 will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it. Contributions have been provided by over 80 university representatives from across the UK.



Degree Apprenticeships 30 Minute TV Programme is a helpful introduction for Sixth Form students and parents. The programme explains what degree apprenticeships are, which ones are available, and how they compare to a traditional university route.

Here are some apprenticeships opportunities that have opened recently that you might be interested in:

- Morgan Stanley (with Multiverse). Opportunities across research, operations, human capital management and more.
- EY - 2026 Apprenticeship Programmes. Launch a career in business, finance or technology. Earn while you learn and gain real client experience with dedicated support.
- Sir Robert McAlpine Apprenticeships combining experience on landmark projects with recognised.
- Stronger Starts Maintenance Apprenticeship. is a 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.



The British Science Week poster competition takes place every year and invites young people from across the UK to take part. In 2026, the competition theme is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists and researchers who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future. The competition is now open for entries; the closing date is 6 pm on Thursday 16 April 2026.



T Levels are a qualification choice that follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want. They suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.



JOB OF THE WEEK



CNC Machinist

A CNC machinist is a skilled technician who sets up, programs, and operates computer-controlled machinery (lathes, mills, grinders) to produce precision metal or plastic components.

They interpret technical drawings, select tooling, and ensure strict quality standards for industries like aerospace and automotive.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The highest paid jobs in the UK are:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): £97,000-£250,000+
- Surgeon: £53,000-£114,000+
- Anaesthetist: £103,000-£122,000+
- Investment Banker: £50,000-£150,000+
- IT Director: £80,000-£150,000+

Source

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



Have you ever wondered how space technology can help us here on earth? Or how space can affect astronauts' bodies? [In this lesson](#), you will discover how cutting-edge innovations are shaping the future of technology and find out about some of the diverse technology careers they could pursue in the space health industry. In collaboration with RAF Charitable Trust.



Choose a Specsavers apprenticeship and you'll be part of a team who care deeply about eyecare and hearcare, and who strive to be the best they can be. Our apprenticeships offer a great stepping stone into our business and a way to upskill on the job. Take a closer look [here](#).



Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight](#) into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK.



[Sutton Trust Online \(STO\)](#) is an award-winning digital programme designed to help you shape your future. STO is packed with interactive activities, expert advice and key resources to support you every step of the way, from exploring your options to preparing strong applications and thriving in higher education.



A Buyer role within Procurement at Rolls-Royce is about securing the critical resources we need to innovate and deliver, managing complex supply chains, and driving value across our global operations. [In this free virtual experience](#), you will explore the strategic world of sourcing and supplier management, gain vital procurement skills, and see if this essential field could be the right path for you.



[Higher Technical Qualifications \(HTQs\)](#) are level 4 and 5 qualifications that have been approved to deliver the skills employers need because they are high-quality, job-focused qualifications.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At Morgan Stanley, you work alongside the best and the brightest with a team that believes there's always more to learn, more to improve upon and more impact to be made. Collaboration and diversity of thought allow us to identify innovative solutions, drive tangible results and help our clients achieve their goals. Discover the pathway to join our team." You can [read more about careers at Morgan Stanley here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Our undergraduate degrees will inspire you to make exciting discoveries, challenge preconceived ideas and reach your full potential. Discover our Russell Group education in London. Applications for our [summer school 2026](#) are now open."

You can [read more about the Queen Mary University of London here](#).

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