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## GIRLS' NETBALL TEAM GO ON TOUR!



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# Ms Wallace's Announcements

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy Bank Holiday. I hope the students enjoy the long weekend. For our Year 11s, school is open on Saturday as usual, with a range of sessions running. Well done to our Art and Design students for all their work this week on their final projects.

Congratulations to our Year 9 girls who went to Everton Football Stadium and whose presentation was voted the best amongst the different teams. The presentation was on positive body image, something we all know is a very key issue for young people at the moment.

Our Year 10 students who have been working on the Duke of Edinburgh have been out on their expedition, with our Year 9s following on shortly.

Next week is a short one. We are holding a mock election to mirror the process that will be happening in our local area. If legislation is passed, 16-year-olds will soon be able to vote. Last year only 30% of residents voted in the general election, so we are on a campaign to make every Woodside student a voter.

On Thursday it is time for parents' evening for Year 7, and we look forward to meeting our families and having those key conversations about learning and progress.

**Ms. Wallace**

UPCOMING  
KEY DATES



**Thu 7 May**

Year 7 Parents Evening

**Fri 8 May**

Year 7 and 8 Ben K

Knife Crime Workshops  
in Islington

Mock Elections

**Mon 11 -Fri 15 May**

Praise Week

**Wed 13 May**

Year 8 HPV vaccine  
(Day 1)

**NEXT WEEK:  
WEEK 1**



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[clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org](mailto:clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org)

# Circus Skills Workshop with Jackson Lane

Jacksons Lane, a creative and cultural hub in north London and a leading supporter of contemporary circus, has been delivering circus skills workshops for our Year 8 and 9 students.

These sessions give students the chance to try new physical skills such as balance, coordination and movement in a safe and supportive environment. Beyond the activities themselves, the workshops help develop confidence, resilience and focus, as students learn through practice and persistence.

The sessions also encourage teamwork and trust, with students supporting one another as they take on new challenges. For many, it is an opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and discover new strengths.

The workshops provide a valuable experience that supports both personal development and wellbeing.



## Premier League Inspires Celebration Final at Hill Dickinson Stadium

Five Year 9 students, Biannah, Gresilda, Ira, Sophia and Anisha, recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Everton Stadium, travelling on Tuesday and returning on Wednesday evening.

The trip concluded their participation in the Premier League Inspires Celebration Final on Wednesday 29th April, held at the impressive Hill Dickinson Stadium.

Over the past two months, the students have demonstrated exceptional commitment, working collaboratively on a social action project focused on body image and the influence of social media. Their creativity, insight, and dedication were evident throughout the process and were showcased brilliantly during the final.

The event brought together 54 teams from across the country, each presenting innovative and impactful projects. In an outstanding achievement, the group was named joint winners of the competition alongside West Ham United.

The students represented their school with great pride and professionalism, and their success is a true reflection of their hard work, teamwork, and determination.



# Languages, Football and Real-World Skills



Bonjour and hola! This week, selected Year 9 classes took part in engaging MFL workshops delivered by Mingalaba, led by Steve Eadon.

The sessions showed students that learning a language goes far beyond reading, writing and speaking, building skills such as communication, resilience, empathy and teamwork.

Through fun, hands-on activities linked to football, students explored how language skills apply in real-world settings. Drawing on his experience working within the sport, including links to Arsenal F.C., Steve brought learning to life and inspired students to think differently about languages.

Students worked collaboratively, shared ideas and developed confidence in a dynamic environment. Many said they enjoyed the sessions and valued hearing how languages can open doors in different careers.

Merci and gracias!

**GET READY!**

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**2ND MOCK  
Y10  
MOCK  
RESULTS**

**FRIDAY  
1 MAY**

**YOUR HARD WORK IS  
ABOUT TO PAY OFF!**

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS AT WOODSIDE

7th May, 2027

**GO VOTE**

### KNOW THE PARTIES AND THEIR MANIFESTOS

**Labour**

- Focus on improving everyday life in the local area.
- They plan to build more council housing and support renters through stronger protections.
- They also want to invest in green spaces, with more trees, parks, and cleaner air.
- Their plans include better cycling routes and investment in local culture and community projects.

**Conservatives**

- Focus on how the council is run and how money is managed.
- They plan to improve efficiency and reduce waste in services.
- They also aim to increase housing, reduce empty properties, and improve standards in private renting.
- They want to strengthen support systems, including benefits and access to council services.

**Liberal Democrats**

- Focus on reforming the council and improving trust.
- They want a more responsive council that listens to residents.
- Their plans include support for the cost of living, more community safety measures, and investment in youth services.
- They also focus on changes to waste services and keeping council tax stable.

**REFORMUK**

- Focus on changing how local government operates.
- They aim to reduce council spending and focus on core services.
- They oppose schemes like ULEZ and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- They also support stricter controls on immigration and prioritising local residents for social housing.

**vote wisely**

**Green Party**

- Focus on creating a fairer and more environmentally friendly area.
- They support affordable housing and better conditions for tenants.
- They want to protect green spaces and improve air quality.
- Their plans prioritise walking, cycling, and reliable public transport, with safer streets for everyone.

**VOTE VOTE VOTE**

### MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

## Learning About Democracy: Student Election Day

We are pleased to let you know that our school will be running a Student Election Day, giving pupils the opportunity to experience the democratic process in a safe, structured, and educational environment.

**What will happen?**

Students across year groups will take part in a mock election, organised and supported by staff and the School Council. They will:

- Learn how voting works
- Take part in a structured polling process
- Understand fairness, responsibility, and participation

Voting will take place during the school day and all students will be given the opportunity to vote.

**Why is this important?**

This experience helps students:

- Understand democratic values
- Build confidence and leadership skills
- Engage positively with citizenship and British Values

Once all students have taken part, votes will be carefully counted and a winner will be announced.

# Girls' Netball Team Go on Tour



Last weekend, 18 students from Years 7 to 10 took part in Woodside's first ever Netball Tour, held at the Liddington PGL center. The group travelled on Friday, with the first day focused on settling into accommodation, enjoying team-building activities, and sharing an evening meal together.

Saturday was action-packed, with a full schedule of netball fixtures and outdoor activities. The Year 7 team made an excellent start, winning two out of their three matches. They were followed by the Year 9 and 10 teams, who also demonstrated determination and strong teamwork throughout their games. When not competing, students took part in a variety of "queue and do" activities, making the most of the center's facilities, including the giant swing, rock climbing, abseiling, trapeze, and archery.

The day concluded with a lively silent disco, where staff and students alike embraced the opportunity to celebrate, particularly Miss Porter and Miss Oliver, whose dance moves provided plenty of entertainment (and embarrassment!)

Sunday saw the final round of matches, with students competing against strong opposition, including several independent schools from across the country. Although the teams narrowly missed out on reaching the semi-finals, their performance, resilience, and sportsmanship were commendable throughout.

Special recognition goes to the Players of the Tournament: Valentina for Years 7 and 8, and Adelina for Years 9 and 10. The success of the tour has already inspired plans for an even bigger and better experience next year.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Netball has a massive global following with more than 20 million players. Despite its origins in England, the game is played considerably outside of the UK in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, and Jamaica. In the Commonwealth, netball often plays a considerable role in the national sporting scene.



## Headteacher's Praise Breakfast

This week's Headteacher's praise Breakfast winners for zero behaviour points are:

Deniz DEMIR (7T), Seth WALMSLEY (8T), Veronika LUNGU (9T), Alisson ALVES DOS SANTOS (10A), Sofiia CHONKA (11Q), Salma HUSSEIN (7E), Osten MARIYANAYAGAM (8I), Najma ABDI (9Q), Eda DURAN (10L), Mehki BENNETT (11L)

# House News

**UPCOMING**

**HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

**APR 13TH** COUNTRY QUIZ  
TUTOR TIME

**APR 23RD** TABLE TENNIS  
LUNCH

**APR 30TH** GUESS THE FLAG QUIZ  
LUNCH

**MAY 07TH** HIT THE BUTTON  
LUNCH

**MAY 14TH** PENALTY SHOOT OUT  
LUNCH

**MAY 18TH** MATH QUIZ  
TUTOR TIME

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FOR MORE INFORMATION MS RAGUSA OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

## Table Tennis House Competition Winner:

Cedar



## PRAISE



## ATTENDANCE



20 PRAISE POINTS PER ENTRY

**Photography competition**

April's Prompt  
**Begin**

February winners  
**Well Done! Mehki and Ms Halavurt**

Email your photos to [sragusa@mulberryschoolstrust.org](mailto:sragusa@mulberryschoolstrust.org)

## WEEKLY HOUSE COMPETITION WINNER

6930	5755	6855	6575

**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

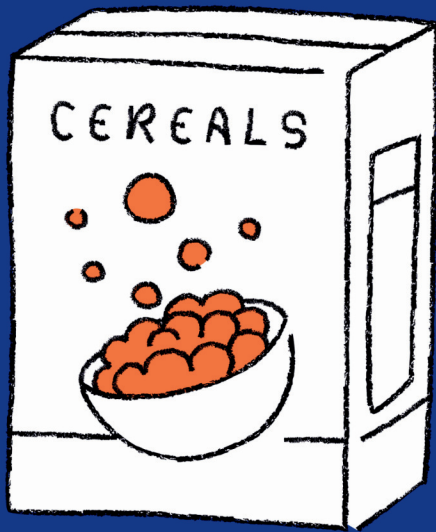
## Remember you get praise points for participation

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

This Thursday

# Cereal Box Summer Book Crunch Challenge

Take an old cereal box and decorate it, inventing a cereal based on your favorite book.



For example if pick a fantasy novel you could potentially have:

Wizard hats and castles and sword-shaped pieces

Advertisements to collect 6 rare dragon cards inside.

Giant-sized packaging with a wizard crossword on the back

Box design with recognizable mascots

Slogans that tell us to take an adventure with every bite

Caution labels not to eat too much before battling an assassin.

Get inventive with your mascots, pieces, nutritional information, box sizes, advertisements, and even put games or activities on it!

Submit by 20/5/26

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Kindle

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Amazon Voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Amazon Voucher





# Safeguarding

## Internet and Social Media Use

During the summer holidays, children often spend more time online and sharing moments from their day. Remind your child to keep personal information private, especially when posting photos or travel updates that could reveal their location. Encourage them to check privacy settings and think carefully before sharing content publicly. When booking activities or trips online, talk about how to spot scams, such as deals that seem too good to be true or unfamiliar websites. Regular conversations about safe online behaviour help children stay aware, protect their privacy and make sensible choices while enjoying their time online.

# ATTENDANCE TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

## KEEP GOING!

Remind your child that it's normal for learning to feel tricky sometimes. Encourage them to stick with it and celebrate effort, not just results. This resilience helps them feel confident in lessons and teaches valuable life skills beyond the classroom.

# ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?



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



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



# KEY RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES

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)

# YEAR 9 – FIRST GIVE

## PROGRAMME

Each form group is raising money for their chosen charity

29TH APRIL

### 9E - PENALTY SHOOTOUT

LUNCHTIME - COURTYARD  
50P PER PENALTY  
CASH ONLY

30TH APRIL

### 9A - ICE LOLLY SALE

LUNCH TIME - SNACK SHACK  
CASH ONLY

1ST MAY

### 9U - BAKE & FOOD SALE

LUNCH TIME - SNACK SHACK  
CASH ONLY

1ST MAY

### 9T- PHOTO BOOTH

LUNCHTIME-COURTYARD  
£1 PER PHOTO  
CASH ONLY

5TH MAY

### 9Q- REVERSE BAKE SALE

LUNCH TIME - SNACK SHACK  
PAY WITH NON-PERISHABLE  
GOODS

6TH MAY

### 9L - MARSHMALLOW COMPETITION

LUNCH TIME - IN FRONT OF SNACK SHACK  
£1 PER STUDENT (CASH ONLY)  
WINNER - £20 VOUCHER

7TH MAY

### 9I -STAFF VS STUDENT BASKETBALL

LUNCH TIME - COURTYARD  
£1 TO PARTICIPATE  
CASH ONLY

8TH MAY

### 9Y-TRAINERS DAY

WHOLE DAY - £1 PER  
STUDENT/STAFF  
CASH ONLY

CHARITY



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# STUDENT JOURNALS

## EXPECTATIONS

For all students - checked daily by staff



### YOUR JOURNAL MUST

Have your timetable displayed

Say "No HW" if no homework is set

Be brought to school every day

Have a trusted adult written in

Be free from graffiti or inappropriate markings

Have homework written in for every subject



### IN LESSONS

Displayed in all lessons, including RR / Rospite

Journal on your desk at the start of every lesson



### TUTOR TIME

Journal checked daily

Homework checked

Journal signed weekly by a parent/carer



### IF THERE IS A PROBLEM

Issue logged on Class Charts

Parents/carers informed

Repeated issues → Lunchtime detention

Not resolved → SLT detention

### LOST OR DAMAGED JOURNAL?

Purchase a replacement from Student Reception

## PRAISE POINTS FOR ACHIEVING EXPECTATIONS!



Your journal is a non-negotiable part of school equipment.



# NEXT WEEK'S VALUES IN ACTION

## VALUES FOCUS: SELF-MOTIVATION AND CRITICAL THINKING

NEXT WEEK OUR VALUES SESSION WILL FOCUS ON DEVELOPING SELF-MOTIVATION AND THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY. YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY:

### ENCOURAGING THEM TO SET SMALL

ENCOURAGING THEM TO SET SMALL, ACHIEVABLE GOALS EACH WEEK AND REFLECT ON THEIR PROGRESS. HELP YOUR CHILD PLAN SIMPLE TARGETS AND CHECK IN AT THE END OF THE WEEK TO REVIEW WHAT WENT WELL AND WHAT COULD IMPROVE. THIS BUILDS INDEPENDENCE, ORGANISATION AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN LEARNING.

### ASKING OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

THESE QUESTIONS ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO EXPLAIN THEIR THINKING, RATHER THAN JUST GIVING AN ANSWER. THIS HELPS DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING AND BUILDS CONFIDENCE IN EXPRESSING IDEAS CLEARLY.

### GIVING THEM SPACE TO TRY SOLVING PROBLEMS INDEPENDENTLY

ALLOWING TIME TO THINK, MAKE MISTAKES AND TRY AGAIN HELPS CHILDREN DEVELOP RESILIENCE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS. SUPPORT CAN COME AFTER THEY HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO ATTEMPT IT THEMSELVES.

### DISCUSSING EVERYDAY DECISIONS TOGETHER

TALK THROUGH CHOICES, SUCH AS PLANNING TIME, MANAGING TASKS OR MAKING DECISIONS AT HOME. THIS HELPS CHILDREN LEARN TO WEIGH UP OPTIONS AND UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES.

### PRAISING EFFORT AND REASONING

RECOGNISING HARD WORK, PERSISTENCE AND THE PROCESS THEY USED REINFORCES A GROWTH MINDSET AND KEEPS MOTIVATION HIGH, EVEN WHEN TASKS FEEL CHALLENGING.

Next week our Values will focus on understanding others' feelings and perspectives. You can support your child at home by:



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# Early Intervention for Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) needs

# SEND

## Online Parent/Carer Conference 19 May 2026

- Date: Tuesday 19 May 2026  
9.30am to 12.30pm
- Format: Online
- Cost: Free

This online conference is for parents and carers who would like to learn more about early intervention for EBSA and how worries can affect school attendance.

### Presentations from:

- Educational Psychology Service (EPS)
- Language and Autism Support Team (LAST)
- SEND Power Parent Carer Forum
- Education Welfare Service (EWS)
- Guided Emotional and Mental Health Support (GEMHS)
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Home Education Team
- And more



### Register for the session:

<https://shorturl.at/INb1c>



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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.

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## OPPORTUNITIES





Insight into University is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university including degree apprenticeships and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers and current students. There is a cost but bursary available if you meet the criteria.




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. Each opportunity has its own eligibility criteria.

There are two new areas to explore on the Springpod website:

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- Networks - This feature allows you to discover companies aligned to your interests. You can enrol in unique programmes and unlock additional opportunities.
  - Opportunities - This is where you can discover internships, jobs, apprenticeships with employers.



Logistics is like solving a giant real-life puzzle—one that actually helps the planet. Every day, people in logistics figure out faster routes, reduce pollution, and keep the world's goods moving smoothly. Futures for All are joined by Generation Logistics & ASDA to unpack how a career in logistics makes a real difference. You'll be hearing from Oli Hunt, the role of Senior Director for Central Logistics at ASDA, a role that offers huge variety!



With careers tools, course tasters, apprenticeship vacancies, city guides, and more, the UCAS Hub shines a light on your future, your way. Start by exploring your options, favouriting subjects, and using our handy tools.

## JOB OF THE WEEK

 [Fire Safety Engineer](#)

A fire engineer has an important role. They use science and engineering principles to protect people and property from the devastating effects of fires. Fire engineers design fire safety measures, conduct risk assessments and ensure the structural integrity of buildings.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


There are concerns around the availability of STEM skills in the UK workforce. 49% of engineering and technology businesses report difficulties with recruitment because of skills shortages. This makes STEM a great area to focus your development as you'll be in demand!

[Source](#)


If you have any questions or need support, please email [serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk](mailto:serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk)

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## OPPORTUNITIES




Think the RAF is just about flying? Think bigger. Explore careers. Build real skills. Prove your potential. The [RAF virtual work experience platform](#) allows you to explore RAF careers, develop your skills and prepare for your future.




If you're looking to explore careers in the Armed Forces but are unsure whether the Army, Air Force or Navy is best for you, [this guide on the Government website](#) is a good place to start.




[Unibuddy](#) is a feature on the UCAS website that allows you to speak to current university students. You can filter the list by university or subject to find students with similar interests to you. You can ask them about their journey, application tips or what university life is really like. This is a great way to get honest opinions.



“[Young Enterprise](#) is for everyone, not just the loudest in the room or the top of the class. If you're curious, creative, ambitious (or even a little unsure), there's something here for you. Through [our programmes](#), you'll figure out how to manage money, develop employability skills and maybe even launch a business. More than that, you'll grow your confidence, discover what you're capable of and start shaping your own path.”



From construction and operations, to marketing and HR, there's a career in nuclear for you. [This three minute quiz](#) will help you identify your strengths and align them with exciting opportunities within the sector. Simply select the options that best resonate with your professional aspirations and skillset to discover a new professional path.



[The Forage](#) is a catalogue of free, virtual “job simulations” designed to help you explore careers and build practical skills. Each simulation typically takes a few hours and is created in partnership with major employers, giving a “day-in-the-life” preview of different careers. They're free, require no application or prior experience, and are meant to help you gain confidence, explore roles, and prepare for job applications.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“When you join the European Space Agency, you join an international and friendly environment that offers a range of benefits and services provided on site. These may vary from establishment to establishment.”

They have a 15 places to join their [Junior Professional Programme](#), designed for Masters graduates.

Find out more about [Careers at ESA here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“The University of Bath offer courses in engineering, humanities, management, science and social science. We're highly ranked in independent league tables for overall performance, student satisfaction and graduate employment.”

You can learn more about the [University of Bath here](#).

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