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LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

What a week, what a month, what a year! 2024 is nearly over and it's been a really great year for our students who continue to develop their academic success and embodiment of our school values. It's been a real treat to witness the rewards assemblies where students were being rewarded for a range of things from academic, attendance, competitions and classroom awards. Of course, it's never possible to acknowledge and see everything that is worthy of reward and as always, the individual improvements and achievements that students see for themselves is something that students should feel most proud of.

A massive thanks to all the students and music department staff for the four concerts they put on and tour to local primary schools. It showcased the development of individuals on the piano, violin, singing and the choir. Next term we are on a big recruit to find students who'd like to be involved, even if your child has never tried an instrument or singing it is something for everyone to be involved in.

Our Year 11 students enjoyed a pizza party on Wednesday, this is the first time that we have ever given a party to a whole year group, but we wanted to acknowledge how collaborative and supportive they have been of one another. We do wish them a good rest but there is plenty of work to keep the revision ticking over.

Other great events this week included our Year 10 girls Tottenham Hotspur Aspire trip to F1 Arena - the feature was on ITV 1 at 6:30 on Wednesday so if you missed it do tune in on catch up. Our Christmas lunch was another fun way the school came together.

We are looking forward to 2025 - there will be a real drive on equipment and supporting to get homework to the highest quality. I wanted to thank you for all your support and all the best for a break and for 2025.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES

23rd Dec - 3rd January
Winter break

7th January 2025
Return to School

10th January 2025
Year 10 reports sent home

7E National History
Museum Trip

13-17th January 2025
Year 11 Assessment Week

KS3 Reading Tests

27th - 31st January 2025
KS3 Assessment Week

3rd - 28th February 2025
LGBT History Month

4th February 2025
Speak Out Haringey Regional
Final

START OF TERM 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

WOODSIDE ENDS TERM WITH FESTIVE WINTER CONCERT

The final week of 2024 was a four-day musical celebration as MAW hosted its Winter Concert. Students from all year groups and experience levels took to the stage, showcasing their talents in singing, violin, piano, and a crowd-favourite electric guitar performance.

Friends, families, and four local primary schools joined in the festivities, enjoying a vibrant display of musical talent. The celebration didn't end there, as students went on tour, performing at three primary schools in the local community. A huge well done to our dedicated young musicians who put on a show to remember. Their hard work and passion were clear for all to see.



STUDENTS GET BEHIND THE WHEELS AT FUTURE FIRST F1 TRIP

A group of students had an unforgettable experience at the Future First F1 trip, making a lasting impression on everyone they met. Their outstanding conduct earned them high praise from British racing driver Abbi Pulling, who described them as the best group of girls she has worked with or been interviewed by. Tottenham Hotspur colleagues were equally impressed, inviting the school back for future opportunities.

The students took part in a range of exciting activities and had the unique chance to engage with professionals from the world of Formula 1. Their experience was so impactful that they were featured on the Tottenham Hotspur website and even appeared on ITV London later that evening.

The day was a brilliant showcase of the students' confidence, curiosity, and professionalism. We are incredibly proud of them for representing the school so well.





BLACK BRITISH LITERATURE WORKSHOP AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY

20 students from year 10 went to the British Library to take part in a workshop examining black british authors and learning some of the history of black literature in the UK. Students were tasked with designing a display for the library and took part in a debate examining the various merits of which texts to include. As part of the day, our Year 10s were treated to a visit to the Treasures Gallery and even had the chance to see the largest book in the UK. Well done to all involved.

CONSTRUCTION YOUTH TRUST (WORLD OF WORK PROGRAMME)

Year 7 students spent the week working with representatives and volunteers from Construction Youth Trust. Their main task was to design a community centre in Wood Green to benefit the local area. Working in teams, students took on roles such as Project Manager, Marketing Manager, and Architect to bring their ideas to life. They showcased impressive teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity, presenting their final designs to their peers at the end of the week. Students also met industry professionals, learning about career paths and opportunities in the construction sector. It was a fun, engaging, and hands-on experience that developed key skills for the future.



YEAR 7 WELLBEING PROGRAMME

The well-being programme helps students build their confidence and self-esteem, develop skills to manage anxiety, and learn how to problem solve and promote emotional well-being. The students are encouraged to create a positive mindset to support them in making positive decisions in school and in their everyday lives. Students complete a 12 week programme which concludes with a presentation delivered to their peers and teachers.

During the presentation students showcased their understanding of wellbeing concepts, discussed key topics they've covered, and present their personal reflections on how the programme has helped with their confidence, self esteem and resilience.



BRINGING THE ICELANDIC TRADITION TO WOODSIDE: JOLABOKAFLOD

Jolabokaflof is the Icelandic tradition known as a 'Christmas book flood.' Traditionally, you gift books to each other on Christmas Eve and spend the evening reading and drinking hot chocolate. So, as a Mulberry tradition, this week some of our year 10 Christmas elves have been wrapping books for year 5 and 6 students at Risley Avenue Primary School. We dropped off those books and hope they enjoy them this Christmas. But, our year 10 students were surprised today to find that they too are receiving a Christmas book! We wish them very happy reading over the holidays!



VALUES IN ACTION: ONLINE SAFETY

Over the Christmas break, young people may spend more time on their devices or online. There is advice included below to try and support with keeping children safe online.

Keeping your child safe online

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What do I need to know?

Young people need help and guidance in navigating the online world safely. It can be an enriching and informative place to be but there are also risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

Your child may be gaming, socialising, searching and sharing online - all of which can be fun and a great way to relax and wind down after a day at school. However, there are also risks; being aware of these and talking to your child is an important first step in keeping them safe online.

There are a number of websites that can offer further advice and guidance to parents and carers, listed below.

Socialising and Sharing

Things to be aware of:

- many social media apps have a minimum age of 13: Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok. WhatsApp has an age requirement of 16;

- images can be shared online and can also be reshared by others. This can sometimes lead to online bullying. Check what your children are sharing online by checking their phone regularly, following their social media accounts or setting up 'mirroring' of their phone;

- it is not appropriate or even lawful to share images that are nude or semi nude. Talk to your child about protecting themselves and others by reporting requests for images or pressure from others; and

- it is unlawful to bully others online. This should be reported and users blocked.

Gaming

Things to be aware of:

- age ratings of games are there as a guide of the content. Use these to help you work out if the game is appropriate for your child;

- messaging and contact functions. Ensure your child knows who they are talking to. They should never share their personal details online;

- trolling, griefing and scams. Your child may be tricked or scammed into giving up 'skins' or other in game items; and

- bullying. Other gamers may be abusive or bully your child online. They can be blocked and reported. Check in with your child when they are playing.

Searching

As a result of curiosity or by accident, children can be exposed to upsetting material online. This may be pornography, harmful websites promoting self harm or suicide or online platforms that can leave young people distressed or confused.

Things to be aware of:

- parental controls can be set up to prevent your child from accessing harmful material online such as pornographic material;
- not all information shared online is truthful. Sometimes it's hard for young people to tell the difference between fact and fiction; and
- computers provided by the school have a monitoring software on them called smoothwall. If your child has been accessing inappropriate material the school will contact you to discuss any support you may need.

Parental Controls

- Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see.

- Parental Controls and Privacy Settings are useful tools to help reduce the risks your children may face, but they are not 100% effective.

- Follow guides on website such as internet matters to help you set up Parental Controls.

- Always encourage them to talk to you about anything they find upsetting online.

Top Tips!

- Have computers and laptops in a shared space in the home so you can monitor what your child is doing.
- Keep an open conversation with your child about what they are doing online. If they are secretive, consider taking time to talk about how to keep themselves safe.
- Set up parental controls and privacy settings.
- If you are really worried about online safety, remember there are alternatives to smart phones!
- Don't let your child have their phone in their room overnight. This is often when they are most vulnerable. Get them to leave it with you.

For more information

<https://www.childnet.com>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
<https://www.internetmatters.org>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

PRAISE WEEK WINNERS



Congratulations to Guila 9U, Irman 9U, Corin 11E, Ben 9U, Sude 11U, Suhana 11Q, Madilhah 7E, Sofia 10U, Ganaila 9I, Mirac 7E, Irmak 7E, Skye 9A, Xinoira 9I and Muhammed 9T

BYE BYE MS QUINONES!

10T had an emotional goodbye for Ms Quinones who leaves Mulberry today after nearly two years. Ms Quinones is an immensely popular and loved form tutor, and 10T want to thank you for all you have done to support them in their development. We will always remember the pizza party and trampolining trip! All the best miss!



YEAR 8 SHOUTOUTS

8E Azka and Samir for demonstrating our shared values.

8Q Justin for improved punctuality and uniform. Anisha for her incredible work in the football game last week.

8U Irem and Jason for 100% attendance, punctuality to line up and uniform; demonstrating Mulberry shared values.

8A Alan for making a great new start in 8A and having a positive influence on the form. Naz for emulating the values of pride, respect and kindness.

8L Ivan and Reyhan for being respectful in form.

8I Hazim and Amine for improved behaviour in form and line up.

8T Arin and Ira for positive contributions during form.

8T Akram for improved behaviour during form time. Dalia for being helpful and always contributing during form time.



The Woodsider

DO YOU WANT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE WOODSIDER?



Competitions:

1. Write a short story about a life-saving rescue.
2. Write a poem about what 'home' means to you.
3. Write a book review of the most recent book you have read.
4. Create a piece of artwork that is inspired by something you have studied in English so far this year.
5. Create a poster for the most interesting word that you have learned recently.
6. Write a speech for a school assembly persuading students to stop bullying.

Join the Debate Mate team!

What: You get to play games that will improve your public speaking skills, go on trips around London, learn the art of debating and debate against other schools.

When: Tuesdays after school – 3.15 – 4.00pm

Where: B009

Who: Please let your English teacher know if you are interested or see Mr. Vigor in B009.

A huge shoutout to those that attended the first session: **Seth, Ruzgar, Abdi, Evie and Nimrit.**



The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

We are finally at the end of the term!! Well done on all your hard work. you have absolutely earned this two-week rest so whilst it's important to keep up your studies, it's also important to take some time to rest.

You will return to school on Tuesday 7 January at 8.40am with Key 30 starting again that morning as well.

Mr Davis

Upcoming Y11 Assemblies

Date	Assembly Lead	Theme
13/1/25	AWA	Headteacher's assembly
17/1/25	LDA	Praise assembly
20/1/25	JCU	English
24/1/25	LDA	Praise Assembly
27/1/15	GMA	Science - Tassomai and Revision
31/1/25	LDA	Praise Assemlby
3/2/25	TBC	
7/2/25	LDA	Praise Assembly
10/2/25	TBC	
14/2/25	LDA	Praise Assembly

NOTICES

Farewell to Mr Watson

As you all know this is Mr Watson's last day at Mulberry Academy Woodside. Mr Watson has been with you as Deputy Head of Year since Year 7 and has been a massive part of your journey at this school. He has been to many of you, a person of massive support whom I know you will all miss. I know you will join with me in wishing Mr Watson all the very best in his new job and that he will be sorely missed!

College applications

Some of you will now be thinking about starting to write your college applications now you have your predicted grades. Speak to myself, your tutor or academic mentor before you submit your application to the college so we can check it. Also check out the Powerpoint I sent you a personal statement within it via email. For references these should only be completed by myself, your tutor or your academic mentor. You enter the email address of this person. Again anything your not sure about - email or ask!!!

Year 11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 15 January 4-7pm

The booking is open for parents evening - start booking your appointment - link
https://woodsidehighschool.co.uk/docs/ParentGuide_en.pdf

Year 11 pizza party

On Wednesday 18th December we held a Pizza party to celebrate the term and mocks for Year 11. Students had a great time winding down the last few days before the Christmas break and enjoying some pizza at the end of the school day!!!



K30 Group

On Tuesday 17th December all of the Key 30 students attended Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for the latest Key 30 conference. The students took as tour of the stadium before reflecting on the next steps for after the holiday in terms of their learning and what support they need from teachers. This will be shared with staff when we return in January.



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

17th - 26th January is London's Short Film Festival. The London Short Film Festival (LSFF) is the UK's leading short film festival, now in their 22nd year. Founded as the Halloween Film Society in the early 90s, they are now a BAFTA and BIFA qualifying, internationally-regarded independent festival. Each January, LSFF hosts ten days of short films, live events, Q&As and multidisciplinary curation.

To celebrate, we are dedicating this week's edition to all things film, cinematography and videography.



Into Film are a charity who champion and realise the potential of film, cinema and moving image to create inspiring, inclusive learning experiences. Their Step into Screen Careers resources provide you with a range of information and activities to get you thinking about the types of roles available in the screen industries.



For every actor (exc. extras) on a high-end production, there are on average 10 people who work behind the scenes! You can read this guide from ERIC to learn more about the TV & Film Industry.



RTS have a comprehensive list of career options in the TV world for students to learn from.



BAFTA plays a major role in supporting the next generation of film, games and TV talent. Striving for progressive industry and cultural practices is at the heart of what they do as a charity. Alongside their wide range of learning events and inspiring and informative content, our talent programmes champion creatives and practitioners across the screen industries, regardless of background or life experience. Our expert members help us to not only seek out but also offer tailored career support to over 3000 people every year.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Location
Manager

A location manager is a key figure in the production of a film or TV show, responsible for finding and managing the filming location. They work closely with the director and production designer to ensure the location matches the creative vision of the project.

Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2019, 84,000 people were employed in the film industry, the third highest figure since 2010.

Total film industry turnover increased by 86.5% between 2014 and 2018, rising from £9.1 billion to £17 billion.

Source

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



Film studies unlocks the magic of storytelling, and opens a world of imagination, culture, and human connections through the lens of cinema. You can read the [UCAS subject guide](#) to find out more about how much you could earn, routes into the industry etc.



Are you thinking of studying Film Studies at university? If so, check this out! This is a [Film studies Subject Spotlight](#) with Nicholas Glean from the University of Sunderland. An interactive, cinematic course taster experience to allow students to gain insights into what it's like to study Film studies.



If you're thinking about what the next right step is for you – it could be an apprenticeship, maybe you're thinking about university, or perhaps you want to dive straight into your first 'proper job' - the [BBC's 'GET IN' Taster Experiences](#) offer you the chance to explore the different career paths the BBC has to offer and to find out if our organisation is somewhere you'd like to work in the future.



Channel 4 are delighted to announce the re-launch of their [Virtual Work Experience Platform](#), after a fantastic year in 2023, which saw 2,000+ people undertake the programme. Learn in your own time, and complete true-to-life tasks, set by our teams across Channel 4. This programme will be open to anyone 14+ years old, based in the UK and interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of the UK media industry.



When you think of TV and film, what comes to mind - red carpets and awards? In this [Springpod Virtual Work Experience](#), we're going to pull back the curtain and discover what a career in TV and film really looks like, from popular film theory to what happens in post production, you'll get a backstage pass.



Here are some sixth form and/or college courses that you could take that relate to this subject area: Film Studies, Media, Photography, Drama, Performing Arts, BTec Level 3 in Creative Practice.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We are in the top 50 Apprenticeship Employers in the UK and the industry leaders in early careers, hiring more than 250 new apprentices each year. As one of the world's most creative and technologically-advanced organisations for the last 100 years, we are committed to skills and talent development both inside and outside the BBC."

Read more about [BBC Careers](#) here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"MetFilm School and Metstudios courses equip you with the best tools and expertise required to develop a fulfilling and sustainable career in the film, television, games and digital media industries. Our students are taught by award-winning professionals with numerous industry awards and nominations."

Read more about [MET Film School](#) here.