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LATEST UPDATES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I wanted to begin by again paying tribute and giving thanks to our much-loved colleague, Cheryl Skepple, who passed away on Tuesday. Thank you so much to our families and wider community who have shown such support and shared so many memories of Cheryl. Please see our longer tribute to Cheryl in this edition.

Thank you to all our families and volunteers who attended our Iftar on Wednesday. It was wonderful to have so many students and families together to celebrate this special time of year.

Well done to our Year 11 students for completing two weeks of gruelling mocks. They are now back to lessons, and I'd also like to thank the exam team for supporting the smooth running of these exams. Year 10 are up next with their assessment week, and I've been impressed by the skill and aptitude students have shown as they apply themselves to revision activities in lessons.

The rest of the school has been enjoying STEM subjects during National Science Week, from competitions to talks and trips. On Friday, our Pi Day celebration and whole-school competition brought the week to a fantastic end.

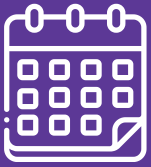
Some of our students enjoyed a slightly sunnier education this week with their five-day field trip to Málaga. They have had an amazing time, and we welcome them back this evening. There is another trip to Spain in the summer - most places are filled, but do let us know if you missed out so we can check numbers or if any spaces become available.

Next week, we celebrate St Patrick's Day and Newroz with special lunchtime menus and activities. If you are celebrating these events, all the best.

Have a restful weekend.

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING
KEY DATES



17th - 21st March

Year 10 assessment week

18th March

Newroz Celebration

Lunch time C008

27th March

Year 11 Final Drama

Practical Exam

1st April

Trust Sports Event

7th - 14th April

Easter Break

**NEXT WEEK
WEEK 2**

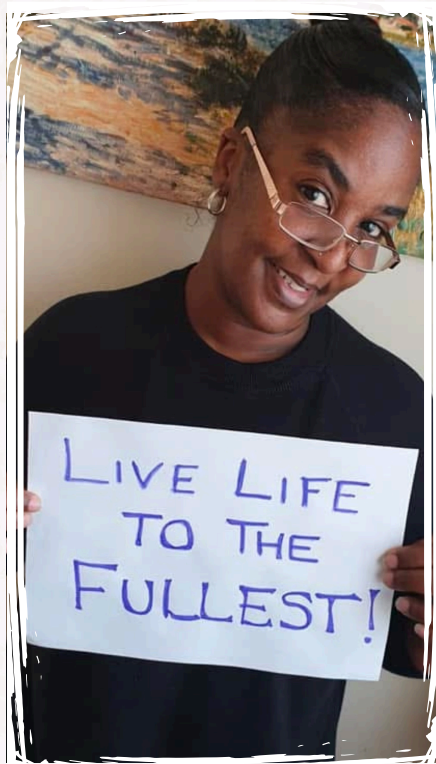


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If you have any specific questions regarding the transfer of school to the Mulberry Schools Trust, please email

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

In Loving Memory of



CHERYL SKEPPLE

We remember Cheryl Skepple not only as our colleague, friend, and librarian but as the heart of our school community. Ms. Skepple had a rare gift for making everyone feel valued. She took the time to understand each student, fostering a love of reading and creating a welcoming space where every child felt seen and supported.

Her warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication left a lasting mark on all who knew her. Ms. Skepple's smile could light up a room, and her thoughtful words always seemed to come at just the right moment. She was a constant, steady presence - a source of comfort and strength for students and staff alike.

Ms. Skepple's legacy is one of connection, care, and quiet strength. Her impact on our school and the lives she touched will not be forgotten. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit lives on in the impact she made and the love she shared.

Ms. Skepple was truly one of a kind. She will be deeply missed.

Empowering Voices: International Women's Day at Woodside

Mulberry Academy Woodside marked International Women's Day with a special afternoon tea, celebrating the achievements and influence of inspirational women from the local community. The event brought together students, staff, and influential guests for an afternoon of meaningful conversation and reflection on the importance of female empowerment.

We were honoured to welcome local councillors Ajda Ovat and Lotte Collett, Haringey Council leader Peray Ahmet, and Alice Crawley, Chair of the Local Governing Body. Each guest shared valuable insights into their career journeys, discussing the challenges they've faced and the importance of supporting women in leadership. Their stories offered a powerful reminder of resilience, determination, and the impact women can have in shaping communities.



Students actively participated, asking thoughtful questions about navigating workplace challenges, balancing personal and professional goals, and breaking down barriers for future generations. Among the attendees were parents and Judith Garrad, headteacher at Oakthorpe Primary, whose presence further strengthened the connection between the school and the wider community.

As part of the celebration, students wrote heartfelt postcards to thank the inspiring women in their lives, recognising the importance of encouragement and support. The atmosphere was warm and uplifting, with plenty of delicious food and snacks adding to the sense of celebration.

The event highlighted the power of shared experiences and the importance of creating spaces where young women feel heard, supported, and empowered. It was a truly memorable occasion, reinforcing Mulberry Academy Woodside's commitment to encouraging the next generation of female leaders.



A Celebration of Community and Togetherness

On Wednesday, 12th March, MAW held a special Iftar gathering during the Islamic month of Ramadan, welcoming Muslim and non-Muslim students, parents, carers, and staff to share in this important tradition. Iftar marks the evening meal where Muslims break their fast at sunset, following the call to the evening prayer.

Students broke their fast with dates and water before joining together for the sunset prayer (Maghrib), in the sports hall, led by Head Boy Faisal Alizadeh. After prayer, guests enjoyed a delicious meal and snacks prepared by the school's catering team.

The evening created a warm and inclusive atmosphere, with conversations flowing and a strong sense of unity among the school community. It was a meaningful celebration of togetherness and understanding.

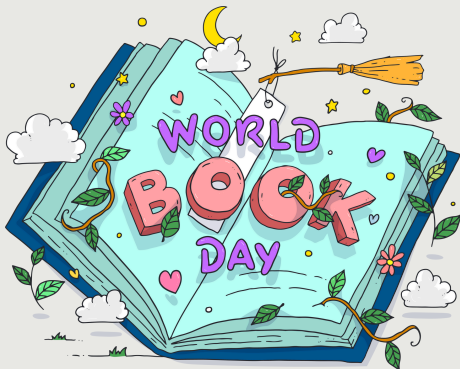




Rewards Breakfast: Celebrating Positive Behaviour

Every Thursday, students with two or fewer conduct points for the year so far are invited to a special rewards breakfast - a well deserved recognition of their dedication and positive attitude.

Well done to all who have earned their place, and keep up the great work!



World Book Day Quiz Champions!

Congratulations to our winners who showed their book knowledge and completed the challenge. Each winner received a £10 book token, a free book, and a voucher—well done!

- Keandra Andrews Crawford 9A
- Busra Basri 9T
- Nafisah Chowdhury 9I
- Nawal Ali 9L
- Harris Abbas 8E
- William Bowers 8Y
- Joanne Macminn 8I
- Elvin Sararov 7Q
- Isaac Wapples 7Q
- Ellie Trattou 7L

Policy Consultation HAVE YOUR SAY!

We are currently reviewing our RSE and Anti-Bullying Policies.

If you have any comments or suggestions please email laura.sanford@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

Consultation on this policy will close at the end of term.



Scan the QR code or use the link to view the anti-bullying policy.

<https://www.mulberrywoodsde.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/RSE-Policy.pdf>



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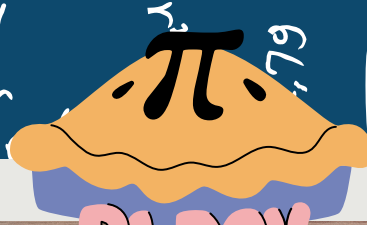
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MAW Year 7/8 Basketball team

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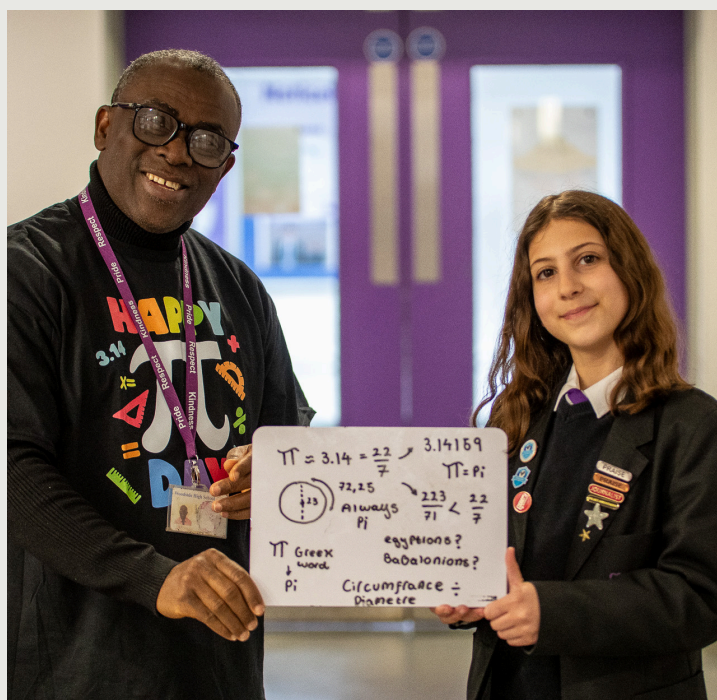
This year's Pi Day was a fantastic celebration of mathematics, creativity, and history across the school! Our staff wore special Happy Pi Day t-shirts to celebrate the occasion. In History, students explored the fascinating origins of pi and its significance throughout time. English lessons took a poetic twist with students crafting "piems"—poems based on the digits of pi. Meanwhile, in Maths, students got hands-on by using string to calculate the circumference of circles. The excitement continued at lunchtime with a thrilling pi digit memorisation competition, where students challenged themselves to recall as many digits as possible—some even aiming for the world record! Winners of the competition will receive special prizes. A huge well done to everyone who took part in making Pi Day a memorable and engaging event!

March 14

FUN FACT OF THE DAY

Happy Pi Day!

Did you know that Albert Einstein, one of the most famous physicists, was born on Pi Day (March 14, 1879)?



$$t^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dy}{1+y^2}$$
$$s = \int \sqrt{x^2-1} dx$$

Ready To Think Hard

During this week's morning tutorial time, pupils will undertake learning on our fourth pupil pillar Ready to Think Hard. Our pupil pillars are one of the ways we support our young people to develop the scholarly behaviours that will make them successful learners. Ready to Think Hard is all about pupils using their prior learning to do new things, active participation in lessons through strategies such as paired discussion and using strategies to persevere when work feels challenging to keep progressing

Mulberry Academy Woodside pupils are



Year 9 Level 2 Options

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our year 9 options event last week. We hope that you found discussions with Heads of Department informative and supportive of the decision your child will imminently make.

Electronic forms have been sent to pupils via their school email address and, once again, we would like to reiterate the importance of pupils taking their time and considering all available subject choices before making their choice. All information shared via the presentation and booklet is accessible on our school website here - ([LINK](#)) The final deadline for forms to be printed, signed and returned to form tutors is Friday 21st March.

If any pupils require extra guidance, support or information or if you have any queries please do not hesitate to make contact with Ms Downer andrea.downer@woodsidehighschool.co.uk or Mr Miranda alberto.miranda@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

SEND POWER IN HARINGEY

- Coffee morning for SEND parents, Tuesday 25th March. [More information](#)
- Walk and Talk in Highgate and Queen's Woods, Monday 7th April. [Link to flyer](#)
- Coffee morning for SEND parents, Tuesday 29th April. [More information](#)
- Walk and Talk in Bruce Castle Park, Tuesday 6th May. [Link for flyer](#)

All parents and carers of children and young people (0 - 25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) who live and/or access SEND services (e.g. school) in Haringey are welcome

Woodside Film Festival

Calling all budding filmmakers at Mulberry Academy Woodside!

The Film Studies department will be holding our very first Woodside Film Festival in July!

Part of the festival will include a showcase of student short films. If you make your own films (it can be on your phone or your computers) and would like to be a part of the festival, please get in touch with Ms Aksu in C003!

You can also email any submissions to pinar.aksu@woodsidehighschool.co.uk.

We will be accepting short films within the following categories:

- Documentary
- Genre films (any genre)
- Indie films
- Animation

Deadline: **11th June 2025.**

Get filming!



HOUSE NEWS



UPCOMING

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

FEB

**24TH HOUSE RIDDLE
TUTOR TIME QUIZ**

MAR

**6TH CROSSBAR
LUNCH CHALLENGE**

MAR

**10TH SCIENCE
ALL WEEK COMPETITIONS**

MAR

**20TH TUG OF WAR
LUNCH**

MAR

**24TH HOUSE QUIZ
TUTOR TIME**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
MS OLIVER OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

SCORE



1760



1380



1640



1340

**Weekly
Praise
Winner -
2749 pts**



**Weekly
Attendance
Winner -
94.81%**



**Crossbar
Challenge
Winner:
Ash**

This week's

Values in Action

Take pride in having exceptional uniform

You can support your child with this by:

- **Explain the purpose:** Help your child understand that their uniform represents the school and shows respect for the community. It's not just about clothing, but about being part of something bigger.
- **Allow small personal touches:** Encourage your child to add small, approved personal items like pins or badges to their uniform. This gives them a sense of ownership while still following the rules.
- **Encourage confidence:** Teach your child that wearing their uniform with pride shows self-respect. Help them feel confident by encouraging them to stand tall and wear it with a positive attitude.
- **Make uniforms fun:** Get involved in making wearing the uniform enjoyable by setting up small rewards or celebrating days when they look after their uniform. You could even make it a fun challenge to keep it neat!
- **Connect uniforms to school spirit:** Explain to your child that their uniform is a symbol of school pride. Help them connect their uniform to the traditions and achievements of their school, so they feel proud to wear it.



TOP 10 WHOLE SCHOOL PRAISE STUDENTS

NAME	PRAISE POINTS
Sophia HULUSI (8Q)	43
Eda DURAN (9L)	39
Rezwana MIAH (9L)	33
Lili OUAZZA (8Q)	33
Nawal ALI (9L)	33
Riley ALLSOP (9L)	32
Emma SIONEK (9L)	32
Ella SOYLARI (9T)	32
Stanislav GEORGIEV (10T)	31
Amber LANIYAN (9L)	31



Year 8 Shoutouts

8E Jenna for improved uniform in form and around the school. Azka for always demonstrating our shared values

8Q Anisha for always helping out in form time and Ionut for always being equipped and displaying the school values.

8U Seval for consistently displaying Woodside values

8A Merdan and Aj for making a good start to 8A

8L Ethan and Milan for being respectful in form.

8I Reggie for a great start in 8I and for making friends so quickly. Bradley for being kind and helpful.

8T Aisha & Husne for improved uniform.

8Y Emily for improved attitude during form. Sara for always being respectful and ready to learn.

BULGARIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY -
HUB
3:10 PM - 4:00 PM



gadulka:
A traditional Bulgarian stringed instrument, played with a bow, and most commonly featuring three main strings and up to sixteen sympathetic strings.



Bulgarian national garb:
a symbolic part of Bulgarian culture. It conveys information about the person wearing it via embroidery of diverse symbols. The garbs are usually in bright colors, but black leather is also used.



banista:
a traditional pastry made in Bulgaria. Lucky charms are put into the pastry on certain occasions, particularly on New Year's Eve.



Martenitsa:
They are a symbol of health, longevity, fertility and abundance. The main colors of "Martenitsa" are white and red. White is a symbol of purity, innocence and joy.

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THE HUB ACTIVITIES

3:10-
4:30 PM



UNO



CHESS



RUBIK'S CUBES



SCRABBLE



TABLE TENNIS

AND MORE!
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ONLINE SAFETY WEBINAR

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN
SAFE ONLINE



DATE
Wednesday,
19th March



TIME
5:00 - 5:45 PM



To join the webinar use the link below or scan the QR code

<https://meet.google.com/ohm-oasg-vyr>



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NEWROZ PIROZ BE

Celebrate the Kurdish New Year in
room C008 at luncheon!

MARCH 18, 2025

FOODS • DRINKS • MUSIC

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



The Year 11 Space

Hello Year 11,

Well done on an excellent two weeks with the exams. Everyone has commented on how brilliant you have been with your conduct and behaviour with these exams. You really have been a credit to yourselves these past two weeks so well done.

Mr Davis

College Interviews

Some of you are now receiving interviews for college. All interviews if at all possible need to be after school, if your not sure then please come and see Mr Davis.

Assembly

Next week assembly will take place on Tuesday morning instead of Monday.

Period 7 & Key 30 & morning Maths & English

Key 30 will return on Wednesday for all of you who are in the Key 30 group with Science.

The morning sessions for Maths and English will resume from 8am next week also.

Period 7 will resume on Monday after school for targeted groups. Schedule below

	J	K
1Mon	En	Ma
1Tue	Biology	
1Wed	Opt 2	
1Thu	Opt 1	
1Fri		
2Mon	Opt 3	
2Tue	Sc/Ch	En
2Wed	Ma	Sc/Ch
2Thu	Opt 4	
2Fri		

Saturday Revision Tomorrows schedule

Saturday Revision Schedule - 15.03.25					
Subject	Maths	Maths	English	English	Science
Teacher	Ms Ozcan	Ms Alpdogan	Ms Chowdhury	Ms Hinds	Mr Islam
Room	B106	B108	B011	The Hub	B208
10am-1pm	Vanessa, Adil, Selin, Anton, Tianna, Shaddai, Melisa, Sude, Shyann, Cinar	Sofia, Burak, Reuben, Gyulnur, Deva, Ahmet, Asli <i>*Note - 9am-12pm</i>	Benjamin, Diyar, Alexandra, Mia-Olivia, Ismail	Oliwier, Yagiz, Iyaz, Efe, Kiko, Ryan S, Umaima	Shahad, Najah, Luciano, Shay, Serine, Ryan B, Felicity, Corin, Al-Azeez, Lulu, Sara, Umut, Shyann, Asli, Artin, Adil, Sude, Arwa, Guler, Cinar, Donko, Jerome

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

Last week, we celebrated National Career Week. In addition to this, International Women's Day also took place on Saturday 8th March 2025 and British Science Week 2025 takes place from 7th to 16th March 2025.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of thousands of events running throughout the whole of the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths.



Here is the official list of IWD2025 events, which are running up until 20th March 2025. You can also search #IWD2025 on social media to find information on other events and campaigns from various employers and organisations.



IWD isn't just for those who identify as female! Here are 10 Things Men can do on International Women's Day, to celebrate, support and become an ally of women.



Tech We Can (formerly Tech She Can) is a programme of free learning materials that aim to inspire both boys and girls about a future career in technology. Check out this range of videos of current people working in tech.



Internationally, 1 in every 10 women in the world lives in extreme poverty. Join this online event to discuss the challenges faced by women living in poverty and explore ways to empower and support them. This event aims to raise awareness about the intersection of gender and poverty, and highlight the importance of addressing these issues in our communities.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Molecular Biologist

Molecular biologists design and conduct experiments to investigate the molecular mechanisms underlying biological processes. They use a range of techniques to isolate, analyse, and manipulate DNA, RNA, and proteins. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Are you wondering why women are fighting for equality?

Here is one example;


In the UK, median pay for all employees was 13.1% less for women than for men in April 2024.

Source


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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER


OPPORTUNITIES




The theme for British Science Week 2025 is “Change and Adapt” Changing and adapting plays a big part in science; you can find examples in every area of STEM*. Cities, towns and other areas where people live change and adapt as the world’s population grows, plants and animals change and adapt to their surroundings to survive. Technology has changed exponentially and adapted to our new, busier lives (or have we changed as technology has developed?). For example, phone technology has changed rotary home telephones to smartphones..




Take a look at [what’s on during British Science Week here](#). From online webinars to in person science fairs, there is something for everyone to learn more about STEM.




This [STEM Careers Guide from Youth Employment](#) provides more information on what a STEM career is. They have relevant articles, case studies and apprenticeship opportunities to help you learn more.



The case for increasing both the number and diversity of the engineering workforce is compelling and, with research showing the positive impact of STEM careers activity on young people’s understanding of engineering and their likelihood to consider an engineering career, [Tomorrow’s Engineers](#), led by [EngineeringUK](#), brings together resources to support young people into Engineering careers.



Neon have produced a [4-page downloadable guide](#) for students of all ages, with suggested STEM inspiration content for young people to explore. The guide includes podcasts, competitions, books, TV shows, films, days out, social media accounts, activities and apps.



Discover the Science of Sound! Join this [virtual work experience program](#) and explore the fascinating world of acoustics. Learn how sound affects our lives and the environment, and gain practical skills to pursue a career in this dynamic field.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“We’re always looking for brilliant people to join the Civil Service Our roles are varied and all contribute to delivering vital services to the public. Our work touches all aspects of life in the UK, from education and the environment, to transport and defence. You could make a real difference to people’s lives with a career in the Civil Service.”

Read more about [Civil Services Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“We are a leading UK university committed to international excellence through the creation of world changing research and high quality, inspirational teaching. Leicester is consistently one of the most socially inclusive of the UK’s leading universities with a long-standing commitment to providing fairer and equal access to higher education.”

Read more about [University of Leicester’s Courses here](#).

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