

WOODSIDE VOICE



JACK PETCHEY REGIONAL FINAL
CHAMPION

ALEIYA FRANCIS, YEAR 10

Headteacher's Message

It's with great delight I welcome you to the latest edition of Woodside Voice, a communication about life at Mulberry Academy Woodside.

We're nearly a full school year into being part of the Mulberry Trust and we're really proud to continue our work as a Haringey secondary school serving our amazing community with the additional support and collaboration with the Mulberry Trust family of schools.

It's been a very busy period of time at Woodside both in and out of lessons. Our year 10 STEM academy students have been completing their Crest award and will shortly be building their own race car at Silverstone. Our elective students have been engaged in a range of activities from preparing for Duke of Edinburgh, writing songs, learning ballroom dancing, croche to name a few. Our Year 7 students have recently visited the National History museum and our Year 8 students are shortly to attend the Pendarren trip.

One piece of work we are really looking forward to is further enhancing our links with the community. We will be holding our first in school Iftar following on from our very successful Eid events last year and will be holding a celebration for Newroz, Kurdish new year and Bulgarian national day. On the 12th March we will be holding an Alumni event to welcome in any former student, its so important to keep those links with students past and present. We hope to deepen that sense of what it is to be a student of Woodside by continuing to connect and support our former students, who in turn we look forward to coming back to speak and work with former students.

Mulberry Academy Woodside really is a changing and exciting school and we've been promoting our Friday open mornings, either as parent, prospective parent or member of the community do feel free to book and come and have a tour to learn about all the work we are doing!



Ms. Angela Wallace
Headteacher

EMBRACING THE FUTURE AS

MULBERRY ACADEMY WOODSIDE

On Monday, 1st May 2023, Woodside High School was renamed Mulberry Woodside following the transfer of the school to the Mulberry Schools Trust, and is proud to be part of the Mulberry Schools Trust family of schools.

What is the Mulberry Schools Trust?

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a flourishing multi-academy trust. Through its founding school, Mulberry School for Girls, it has pioneered outstanding education in East London stretching back over 50 years.

The Trust believes in outstanding achievement for all. They have a clear vision that all students who attend one of their schools leave as highly qualified, confident, and articulate young people with a wealth of experience. The Trust believes in the power of partnerships with families, other local schools, and the communities that it serves. Visit their website below for details about their family of schools.

For further information about the Trust, please scan the QR code below to find a more in-depth view of the Trust's background, aims and vision for the future.



WOODSIDE SHARED VALUES

**Exceptional education and
experiences: every child, every day.**

WE WILL

Have **PRIDE** in everything we do
and who we are



RESPECT people for who they are



Demonstrate **KINDNESS** and
support each other

Mulberry
Academy Woodside

STUDENT PREVAILS AS REGIONAL CHAMPION IN PUBLIC SPEAKING!

This year, two of our students, Aleiya Francis (10Q) and Imani Miah (10Q), represented MAW at the Jakc Petchey Speak Up Challenge Regional Finals at Fortismere School. Both students have made us immensely proud, having put lots of time and effort into their speeches, which has not gone unnoticed! and a huge congratulations to Aleiya who came in first place at the Speak Out Regional Finals!

As the winning school, Mulberry Academy Woodside will be hosting the Regional Final in next year's competition!

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Conquering the Mic: Aleiya's Testimony

Looking back at when I first started my speech, I never would have thought I would win as Harringey's finalist. At the very beginning, my friends and I made a pact that at least one of us had to place to get through to the next round. So when I heard "from Woodside Mulberry Academy," I turned back and was so happy; Imani or I was going to place first. Then, I crossed my fingers, closed my eyes, and heard the name Aleiya Francis! It was truly an honourable, exciting experience. This shocked me; I was speechless, but I would never have been able to win if I didn't 'step out of' my 'comfort zone' and have Miss Cuthbert, friends, and family by our side.

Winning as Harringey's finalist is a big deal, and it's something I was pushed to do, and I can carry this amazing achievement with me moving forward. Yet, even if I didn't win, I won the experience of making connections with other students from a range of local schools, I won the experience of being part of the 2% that's won so far, and I won by humbly sticking to my truth. If you're contemplating, whether to step out of the box, do it for the outcome. You never know what's placed for you in the future!

Aleiya Francis, Year 10Q

TENDER WORKSHOP WITH

Jodie Whittaker

As we celebrated romance this Valentine's Day, Tender called for all young people to have access to creative education to empower them with the skills to build healthy romantic relationships.

At a special event, on 5th February, attended by Doctor Who star and Tender Ambassador Jodie Whittaker, Tender demonstrated how creative practice from theatre and the arts can support young people to learn about healthy relationships and prevent violence and abuse.

Hosted by Mulberry Academy Woodside, the workshop offered a taster of Tender's secondary school programmes, currently in action throughout the UK. With Jodie's help, Tender's expert facilitators guided Year 9 students through a series of activities to unlock their creativity while embedding positive attitudes and behaviours.



JEFFERY BOAKYE'S WORKSHOP SPARKS MASCULINITY DIALOGUE

On the 29th November, former teacher and writer Jeffrey Boakye joined 30 boys from Year 9 and 10 for a "What is Masculinity?" workshop. Boakye is a significant role model both within and outside the teaching community.

All the boys involved were gifted a copy of the book, which they read in advance, and came prepared with questions and ideas to share. The next phase of the project involves all boys delivering assemblies, working with younger boys through mentoring partnerships and potentially visiting our feeder primary schools.

GLOBAL GIRL LEADING CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

During the final week of October, some of the Year 9 girls attended the Global Girls Leading conference organised by the Mulberry Schools Trust and hosted by Mulberry School for Girls in East London.

The students held important conversations with female students from other schools across London. Michelle Obama's inspirational book *Becoming* was given to every student as a keepsake gift to fire their imagination.

The conference was centred on discussions about providing education for girls in areas of conflict and some of the systemic inequalities that women might face in the British journalism sector. The panel was inspiring, motivating, and empowering.



MUSIC @ WOODSIDE



Year 10 musicians recently had the opportunity to participate in a Song writing workshop in collaboration with Collage Arts.

Taking place on 26th January, the workshop provided students with a unique platform to work alongside a professional songwriter and producer, immersing themselves in the intricacies of music composition.

Themed around the concept of 'Colours', the workshop encouraged students to explore diverse musical elements and techniques, fostering creativity and collaboration throughout the day. From warm-up exercises to collaborative brainstorming sessions, participants embraced the challenge of translating their ideas into compelling musical compositions. A highlight of the workshop was the creation of an original song titled 'Todo Somos Iguales' ('We Are All The Same').

NEW MUSICIANS JOIN MAW'S VIBRANT MUSIC SCENE

The Music department successfully ran Taster Days for new budding musicians during the autumn term, fostering a positive atmosphere among staff and students.

The violinist programme was expanded and a weekly string group was introduced every Tuesday lunchtime. The Music department recruited 18 students (Year 7 to 9) from the Steel Pans taster, two students (Year 7 to 8) from the Accordion taster, and eight new students who will learn the clarinet, saxophone and flute. The saz programme is also due to start, for those interested in learning the Turkish guitar.



Keeping It Clean!



By actively participating in community clean-ups every Friday, our students, led by the inspiring presence of our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, are not only setting an exemplary standard for all of us but also demonstrating a profound commitment to environmental stewardship.

Armed with determination and bin bags, these young environmentalists take to the streets, embodying the ethos of responsible citizenship and the spirit of positive change. Through their dedicated efforts, they are not merely cleaning up litter but also transforming our community, instilling a sense of pride and responsibility in everyone they encounter. They are the true champions of change, inspiring others to join their noble cause and collectively make a meaningful difference in our shared environment.



THE MULBERRY PARTNERSHIP WITH GRAND PRIX

The Mulberry STEM Academy is a Saturday/holiday provision that provides a place of learning, inspiration and innovation for young people. It was set up in Autumn 2020 by the Mulberry Schools Trust (MST) in partnership with Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd – two high performing organisations in their respective fields of education and motorsports.



STEM ACADEMY IN WITH MERCEDES-BENZ AND PRIX

Students across the Mulberry School Trusts compete in exciting activities and challenges, and participate in inspirational careers conferences, where they met graduate employees in different engineering roles and received lots of useful advice on how they can be successful in STEM careers in the future.



Maths Challenge Winner - Autumn Term



Huge Congratulations to Abdel Kadir El Dasouki (pictured) in Year 10 for being selected as the winner of the maths challenge for the Autumn Term. Abdel has managed to win himself a brand-new Samsung Tablet! There was huge competition this year with so many entries from all year groups. Another two students were selected for 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. 2nd place was Abdul Aziz in year 9 who won a £20 amazon voucher and 3rd place was Milan Mago in year 7 who won a £10 amazon voucher. Huge well done to all those who took part and remember there will be more winners selected for the newest editions of the maths challenge this year.

URBAN

DEBATE

LEAGUE

A group of year 9 and 10 students have been taking part in an exciting program run by a renowned organisation--Debate Mate--to develop their skills in public speaking, logic, critical thinking, persuasion and teamwork.

On Tuesday afternoons, these students have been participating in activities that focus on exploratory thought and articulation, and developing an understanding of the debate format.

After competing in the opening round, displaying and honing their skills, students will have the opportunity to showcase their refined skills during live, in-person debates at Mulberry Academy Woodside for round two. With seven schools attending, there will be a stirring and spirited atmosphere for students to unveil their intellect and scrutinise their opponents!

ATTENDANCE EXCELLENCE

We have proven ourselves as a standout in the field of attendance, clinching the FFT National Attendance Award for this Autumn term. The award is a testament to the hard work and unwavering commitment of not just the students but also the entire school community, including parents, carers, and staff, in ensuring exceptional attendance rates



ANNUAL BOROUGH BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The annual Borough basketball competition at Greig City lived up to expectations, featuring intense matchups. Mulberry Academy Woodside (MAW) engaged in close games against St. Thomas More and Alexandra Park School. However, their standout performance came in the final game.

MAW's players demonstrated exceptional teamwork, applying pressure in defence, creating turnovers, and accelerating to a 6-0 lead against Greig City. Fast breaks and swift passing allowed them to secure a 14-4 victory. Despite their impressive performance, it was disappointing that there were no more matches for them to continue their winning streak.

DIVERSITY ROLE MODEL WORKSHOP



This week, the Year 7 cohort took part in a diversity Role Model Workshop. Empowered by expert facilitators and supported by inspiring LGBT+ and ally figures, our dynamic secondary school workshops are designed to ignite critical thinking and foster essential skills. We empower students to not only identify and confront gender and sexuality-based discrimination but also to actively cultivate a culture of inclusivity and acceptance within their school community.



ANTI BULLYING CAMPAIGN



Throughout November, Mulberry Academy Woodside students focused on promoting the Anti-Bullying Alliance and its principles. Acting as advocates, the student council raised funds, organised a poster competition and conducted assemblies.

A noteworthy addition was the student council's Praise Week competition, awarding additional praise points to students embodying core values of kindness and respect. This was also a pivotal period for the school, as it evaluated its current policy, engaging students in crafting a more accessible, student-friendly version.



Year 10 peer mentors proactively supported Year 7 students during their transition, fostering a supportive school environment. The school aims to train anti-bullying peer representatives over the next six months, extending its commitment to fostering a culture of respect and understanding across all levels. This multifaceted approach underscores Mulberry Academy Woodside's commitment to creating a respectful and inclusive environment.



WELLBEING RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

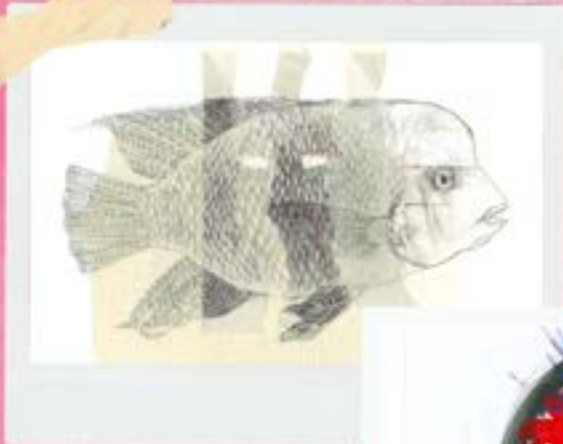
During the last weeks of our February half term, many of our Year 7 students graduated from the Wellbeing Group Programme. They were split into two groups: boys and girls.

Students delivered excellent presentations in the Wellbeing Room and received certificates from the Head Teacher, Ms. Wallace, and the Deputy Head Teacher, Ms. Sanford.

This successful programme helps KS3 students build confidence, resilience, and self-esteem and promotes emotional wellbeing. Over 70 students have taken part in the programme since October, and we are looking forward to seeing more students join us after the half term. Well done to everyone for some great presentations!



Mulberry Art Gallery



A showcase of our
Students' artistry at
MAW!

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Woodside celebrated Chinese New Year with a "Design a Bookmark" competition in the library to spread the message of fostering unity and understanding within our school community. The school canteen also prepared a Chinese inspired food menu, allowing the students to enjoy a taste of China with traditional favourites. We hope this experience will help our young students build respect, and ultimately knowledge, to better our people of the future.



THEATRE TRIP FOR YEAR 9S



A group of Year 9 students embarked on a magical journey as they attended a captivating performance of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' at Palace Theatre.

Transported into the enchanting world of wizardry, these young magicians were spellbound by the mesmerizing production. The theatrical adventure left a lasting impression, igniting imaginations and creating unforgettable memories for the young audience members.

WORKSHOP AT NTP

In February, 22 Year 10 Art students visited the National Portrait Gallery in central London for a Workshop with a portrait artist and a chance to explore the new galleries.

Students' behaviour was exemplary and they contributed really well to gallery discussions and drawing and collaging portrait ideas as part of their new GCSE project. The artist was very impressed by the students' creativity! Ms Southin.



YEAR 7

MUSEUM TRIP

Journeying back in time with the lively Year 7s at the National History Museum was a thrilling and enlightening experience that intertwined fun, exploration, and invaluable education, leaving us with a treasury of treasured memories and laughter echoing through the halls of history.





OPEN

MORNINGS

FOR PROSPECTIVE AND CONFIRMED PARENTS

EVERY FRIDAY

9:10 AM - 11:10 AM

Come in and see all the exciting opportunities happening at Mulberry Academy Woodside !



NO BOOKING NEEDED

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