



Newsletter

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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break and a Happy New Year.

As you are aware, our Year 13 and Year 11 sat their exams in June/July 2023. I am pleased to report that our results have once again, exceeded all expectations. The school continues to be one of the highest achieving schools in Tower Hamlets.

Many of the Year 11 students have joined our Sixth Form, with Year 13 students progressing onto their preferred destinations, many attending Russel Group Universities.

GCSE Outcomes:

Subject	9 – 4 grades (A* - C)	
English Language	80%:	Well above National
English Literature	78%:	Above National
Mathematics	87%:	Well above National
Physics	99%:	Well above National
Biology	99%:	Well above National
Chemistry	99%:	Well above National
Double Science	70%:	Well above National

Computer Science	73%:	Well above National
Spanish	76%:	Well above National

Our 9 - 7% (A** - A) in all the subjects listed are Well above National. These results are again truly outstanding.

The Year 11 have just completed their Mock Exams and the Year 13 Mock exams are scheduled for the

first two weeks in January. It goes without saying that all of our students should be involved in continuous revision, so they achieve their best in all of their assessments.

Students who joined our Sixth Form, who achieve an average grade of 7.5 in their GCSEs will be selected to be part of the Mulberry Scholars Programme. This programme will provide our students with opportunities to apply for Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial. This programme is for high achieving students who will also need to sit entry tests for their chosen university.

For 2023/24 we have 388 students in the Sixth Form and we are over-subscribed for 220 places in Year 7. The school continues to grow from strength to strength. The number of girls at Mulberry Stepney Green is growing rapidly with record numbers applying for September. They are an embedded part of the School Leadership through our Student Voice process.

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been selected as our student leaders.



**School President
Zaara Chowdhury
13Q**



**Deputy President
Khadija Nasir
12P**



**Deputy President
Afzal Rahman
12Q**



**Head Boy
Hamim Ahnaf 11M -**



**Deputy Head Boy
Md Mahdi Hussain 11H**



**Deputy Head Boy
Noah Sulaiman 11T**



**Deputy Head Boy
Tauhid Islam 11Q**



**Deputy Head Boy
Riyad Choudhury 11T**



**Deputy Head Boy
Arman Mozumder 11W**

I would like to wish you and your family a restful Christmas break and a wonderful New Year. The continued focus of the school will always be for our students to achieve their full potential and to live enriching lives.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely

Mr P.S Bhutta/Headteacher



News from the English Faculty

Yr 11: GCSE English Language & English Literature Results

Year 11 students worked tirelessly, before sitting their final GCSE English Language and English Literature exams in the summer term.

All our students worked exceptionally hard revising, perfecting their exam skills and mastering their analytical abilities.

As a result, the English Faculty beat our previous GCSE records. The hard work and dedication of the team ensured that we achieved 80% grades 9 to 4 in GCSE English Language and 78% grade 9 to 4 in GCSE English Literature. Both of these results were well above the national average.

We also achieved outstanding KS5 results for our A Level English Literature - 100% of students achieved grades A* - C.

The trend: The English faculty at Stepney is moving from strength to strength every year!



The key messages from the Faculty team is to inculcate in your child, the responsibility and the stamina to revise every day the work covered in class

across both the GCSEs in English. This is important for students to achieve positive progress.

We look forward to your support in the coming months and you can rest assured that we, as a faculty, are committed to doing the best we can for your child.

PSHE Intervention



Selected students will shortly be attending interventions due Monday PSHE. This is another layer of intervention to ensure that any gaps in progress owing to the Covid disruptions are filled and all of our students achieve their very full potential.

If your son is selected to attend these intervention sessions, please ensure that they attend on time every Monday.

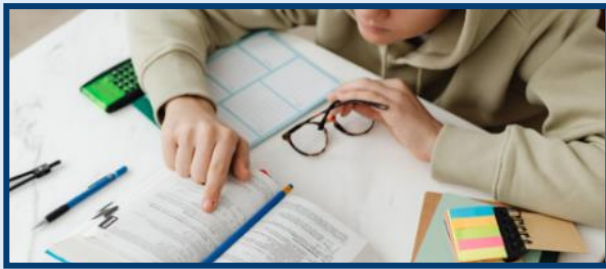
Mr A. Ullah

Literacy Across Mulberry Stepney Green School

Key Stage 5 English:

GCSE re-take

Ap2 exams are slowly approaching and our year 12 and year 13 retake students are working hard in lessons and out of lessons preparing for this. Well done to some students, in particular, who have been dedicating their time on practising exam papers and extra revision.



Year 12 A Level

Students are finishing *The Great Gatsby* and moving onto AQA's Pre 1900 poetry anthology which features a varied range of love poetry from William Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 to Christina Rossetti's Remember.

This anthology is a set text for A Level English Literature Paper 1 'Love Through The Ages' where students compare two poems with F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*.



Pupils have enjoyed studying this wide literary and historical period they have not had much exposure to in their studies before now, but which deal with universal themes of love, memory, class, sexuality, religion and gender. This half term pupils are continuing with their study of the anthology concentrating on honing their essay writing skills.

Year 13 A level

Our 13 pupils have continued to work exceptionally hard reading and producing essays on Enrich Maria Remarque's 1932 novel *All Quiet On The Western Front*.



Students are using their extra interventions on Friday to revise on Paper 1 English.

Morning interventions will be scheduled soon for extra support for our year 13 students.

Ms Khatun

Literacy At Mulberry Stepney Green School

Literacy Focus

Our whole school literacy focus this term is Oracy. We recognise the fundamental role that oracy has in improving pupils' academic progress. Therefore, pupils are continuously encouraged to use formal language when speaking to adults and their peers. If pupils speak better, then they will also write better.



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Workshop

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge is an opportunity for year 10 students to develop important communication skills in a fun and positive environment where their views are respected. Every year over 200,000 young people take part in Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge. This term, 50 students from year 10 were selected to participate in this Speak Out Challenge workshop at Mulberry Stepney Green School.



These students took part in a full day workshop delivered by an expert trainer. They were taught how to: speak with confidence, express their thoughts and opinions in a respectful manner and communicate clearly whilst listening to their peers.



Literacy At Mulberry Stepney Green School

Literacy Competitions:

I would like to congratulate the following students for their fantastic efforts and excellent entries submitted in the National Young Writers Unsolved Mystery and This is Me Poetry competitions. These students will have their entries published in an anthology showcasing their talents and achievements.

Congratulations to the following students.

National Young Writers Unsolved Mystery competition

Year 8

Junayed Hussain

Year 9

Yasmin Begum

Ayan Uddin

Masrafi Zaman

Zahin Zaydan

Rayyan Awil

Abdul Azeem Khan

Arham Shyem

Zahra Crosby Maach

Ayman Saidani

Musa Ahmed

Year 10

Zeeshan Ahmed

Junayd Islam

Adeel Islam

Yusuf Chowdhury

Anees Younis

Samiul Islam

Mohamed Mihad

Samiyah Begum

Aybak Jaigirdar

Muhammad Yahya

Zaheer Islam

Eshan Ahmed

National Young Writers Poetry Competition

Year 7

Daniyal Abdul

Dawud Ali Hussain

Fahizah Akther

Isra Ahmed

Jiyad Chowdhury

Maghriby Zzaman

Muhammad Dhahir Bin Kalam

Saara Hussain

Shahib Miah

Sheikh Tihami Ahmed

Sulayman Ahmad

Yafi Choudhury

Aysha Butt

Yaasir Hoque

Year 8

Istiaq Mir

Mulhim Haque

Junayed Hussain

Year 10

Mohammed Mihad

Muhammad Tanbir Hussain



Literacy At Mulberry Stepney Green School



Renaissance Accelerated Reader

Teachers of Years 7 and 8 are able to motivate, monitor, and manage students' independent reading practice with Accelerated Reader and watch as students develop a true love for reading.

Student-driven. Teacher-guided

Accelerated Reader puts students in the driver's seat. We guide our students, while engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice—encouraging growth.

Guide

Personalized goals help students stay focused on the factors that matter most for reading growth—and helps us monitor their progress and provide feedback to keep learners on track.

Engage

Individual reading recommendations use students' interests and reading levels to suggest "just-right" titles—or students can self-select from over 200,000 choices!

Practice

"Just reading" transforms into high-quality reading practice that fuels growth: Reading quizzes monitor comprehension, while literacy skills and vocabulary quizzes extend student learning and build skills mastery.

Grow

Detailed reports provide insights into students' progress. Paired with Renaissance Star Reading, track students' mastery of focus skills aligned to state-specific learning standards.

We look forward to guiding and assisting our Year 7 and 8 students through the process of testing, reading and quizzing to make them more active and independent readers. Awards for Accelerated Reader will be given at our End of Term Assemblies to those who have sat the greatest number of quizzes.

Miss Reynolds

- Whole School Literacy Coordinator:

News from the Media Studies Department

The Media Studies Department had a fantastic start to the academic year with curriculum coverage and practical production.

After an industrious period of extra lessons during the weekend interventions, some of our Year 11 have created impressive products for their NEA.

Likewise, our Year 13 students have produced industry standard websites and magazines and excellent digital convergent products.

Our Year 12s had an interesting and enjoyable induction to their Media Studies Course.

Minecraft Master: Salehin talks to the Year 13s

As part of their curriculum, our Year 13s study video games and their set product is Minecraft. Salehin Ahsan, a Year 7 student (who is an avid fan of Minecraft), gave them a talk. He informed them about the challenge involved in playing the game as well as its creative and educational benefits. Salehin shared that the game helped him solve problems and helped him with enhancing his skills of logic. The Year 13s enjoyed listening to Salehin and he enjoyed answering a series of questions posed to him. Salehin really inspired the Year 13s as his speech was well prepared, he was confident and spoke convincingly to them - being a Minecraft master, himself!



We collaborate and celebrate...

Other highlights included our student assisted sixth form open evening presentations to parents and prospective students. Jabir Begg, in Year 13, impressed all with his knowledge of Media Studies as well as his marketing skills to encourage students to study Media Studies here at our sixth form.



Tanzid Jubair created a promotional video for the Media Studies Department. This was admirably received by his peers, parents and the public at large. Tanzid, is most certainly a talented film maker with great prospects ahead. Well done brilliant effort!

News from the Media Studies Department

Work experience at NBC Universal Studios

Our Alevel students had a super marvellous three-day work experience opportunity at NBC Universal studios in London. Ms Maharaj accompanied the students on the first day of their time with the media conglomerate during our recent teacher's week. The students had an invaluable time over the three days. They had lectures and workshops from all departments: finance and business insight, marketing and advertising, research and creative teams too!



Our Media Influencers for the Term are:

Year 13 - Jabir Begg

Year 12 - Tanzid Jubair

Year 11 - Aznan Ali Syed

Year 10 - Jibreel Ali Muhammed

Year 9 - Shafayat Uz Zaman



Congratulations to the students above for their outstanding effort, achievement and initiative in their Media Studies Course.

Have an enjoyable and festive holiday. All the best for the New Year.

Ms Maharaj - Head of Media Studies

News from the Mathematics Faculty

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

I would like to begin by congratulating all pupils for the hard work they have put in through this term and thanking parents/guardians for their continuing support.

Key Stage 5 GCSE resit

Congratulations to those students who completed their GCSE maths resit examinations at the beginning of this half term. Results day for these examinations is 11 January 2024.

Year 13

The Year 13 have completed their AP2 Exams. They should now reflect on their performance and see how they can improve their revision skills and further improve their grades. Students are encouraged to continue to revise using Drfrostmaths and use past papers to prepare themselves for their final exams in June.

Year 12

The Year 12 have completed their AP1 exams. They should now start evaluating

their performance and act on teachers' advice to improve their mathematics.

Whatever your goal, it is best to start revising as soon as possible. Remember, procrastination waste valuable time.

Key Stage 4

The year 11 and 10 have completed their Exams. They should now review their performance and see how they can improve their revision skills and further improve their grades. Students are encouraged to continue to revise using mathswatch and past papers

Key Stage 3

The Year 7, 8 and 9 have completed their exams. They should start reviewing the progress they have made and work on advice given to further develop their subject knowledge.

CyberFirst Girls competition



Last month 10 year 8 students took part in the CyberFirst Girls competition. The students had to work together to solve puzzles and decrypt text in order to find the solutions to the challenges. They all had a great time and enjoyed learning about different careers in cyber security



More News from the Mathematics Faculty

Homework

Homework is a vital aspect of learning, encouraging independent learning and affording opportunities for considerably extending pupils' knowledge. Please look carefully at your son/daughter's planner to ensure he/she is recording and completing his/her homework consistently.

As you know the school is subscribed to mathswatch and Drfrostmaths Learning websites, these are top quality e-learning

services that have been proven to improve student's achievement through online revision and exam practice. Below are links to these websites.

www.vle.mathswatch.com

DrFrostMaths.com



BBC bitesize website: students can use this website for revision. They can print out a sample revision timetable and topics check list.



Maths clubs

The maths department are running the following clubs, we encourage students to attend these sessions to help them improve their subject knowledge and self-confidence. The maths puzzle club has variety of games such as connect four, Uno, chess, rubix cubes and many more. There are also opportunities to learning coding by programming a robot to draw different designs.



Name of club	Day of the week	Teacher & Location	Time
Y7-Y13 Morning HW Club	Wednesday & Thursday	Mr A Hossain 606	07:45 -08:30
Puzzle club	Monday to Thursday	A Tait 603	Lunch time

As ever, everyone in the Maths Faculty is working very hard to create success for our students. Please ensure that your son/daughter is taking full advantage of all additional support that he/she is being offered. I hope you will use your education to play a positive role in your career and in society.

Finally, we would like to say well done to our students who worked extremely well this term and thank the parents and carers for their continued support. If you have any concerns

regarding your son/daughter's Maths education, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Amellal / Mr Jallal. We are available on Monday, from 3.45pm to 4.30pm, but please phone the school to make an appointment.

The Mathematics Faculty sends its best wishes for the New Year 2024. Thank you for all your support

Mr Amellal - Head of Mathematics.

News from the Science Faculty

Biology Residential (13th - 16th of October 2023)

The Biology Faculty and our dynamic A-Level Biology Year 13 cohort embarked on a four-day adventure at the Wales Field Studies Centre, Dale Fort, from October 13th to 16th, 2023.

On Day One, students explored rocky shores and zonation, examining productivity, biotic and abiotic factors influencing distribution, and abundance. They also touched on various adaptations to the rocky shore environment. Additional practical work involved chromatography to explore pigments in



two macroalgae, comparing RF values. This deepened our understanding of how zonation affects identified pigments.

On Day Two, students explored Jetty beach, investigating topshells' abundance and distribution with height on shore. Facing challenges, they rapidly developed identification and classification skills. Using stratified sampling, a relative abundance scale, and conducting a chi-squared test, students drew conclusions from data with scientific reasoning.



On Day Three, students explored sand dunes, passing historical sites like Hampton Court Palace. They delved into succession, dune formation, changing abiotic factors, seral stages, the nitrogen cycle, and succession management for habitat conservation. Later, at Broomhill Burrows, data analysis using the Simpsons Diversity Index took centre stage.



The journey concluded with students designing their own investigations into environmental factors impacting species distribution. An enriching experience in the heart of science and nature!

More Science Faculty News

We would like to thank Clyde and Co, Miss Tamanna and Mulberry Stepney Green School for supporting our students with access and participation allowing them to benefit from these opportunities.



Mr. S. Hussain

Year 6 Open Evening – Wednesday 20th September 2023

Dive into science at our Year 6 Open Evening! Experience the magic of methane bubbles in chemistry, dissecting a heart and rat in biology, and witness the thrill of collapsing can experiments in physics. Students was able to unleash their curiosity and joined us for an exploration of science

wonders. Special thanks to our dedicated students, especially Nusayb 7W, Abigail 7W, Arib 7O, Seayer 7O, Salsabeel 7O, Dawud Ali 7W, Ishaq 7W for actively participating in and enhancing the field studies experience. Your enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment are truly appreciated.



More Science Faculty News

6th form opening evening - Wednesday, 15th November 2023

The Science Faculty dazzled at the 6th form open evening on November 15th, showcasing A-level sciences with engaging activities. Students interacted with teachers, explored in various practicals such as live dissections of a Rat, delved into colourful Bunsen burner experiments in Chemistry, and unravelled the forces of motion in Physics. The event addressed A-level concerns, providing valuable insights for informed choices. This achievement owes much to our dedicated students who not

only actively participated in the practicals but also engaged with fellow students and parents. Special thanks to Anas Mahmud 13W, Lucy Kilka 13T, Maryam Abdullah 12Q, Shivangi Mukherjee 12O. for their enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment to making this field studies experience truly exceptional. Parents joined in, sharing aspirations, and the 'destinations' wall highlighted success stories. Excited to embark on this educational journey together!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the outstanding year 7 students who have demonstrated exceptional performance in Science since September! Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm for learning have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to explore the wonders of science with curiosity and passion. Your achievements are a testament to your commitment to academic excellence, and we look forward to witnessing your continued success throughout the school year. Well done!

Ibrahim Ali 7W, Ishaq Islam 7W, Dawud Ali 7W, Nusayb 7W, Abigail Kilka 7W, Tahmid Noor 7O, Jiyad Ahmed 7O, Samuel Hossain 7O, Mohammad, Aayan 7O,

Sulaiman Uddin 7M, Noor Mohammed Joy Ahmed 7H,

Shakib Ahmed 7H, Md Aayan Ali 7H, Ayyan Yahya 7H,

Momota Hina Hoque 7H,

Ayah Kahdijah Hussain 7H, Ibraheem Muhammad Hussain 7H.



Science Department

Languages News

Congratulations to our successful linguists of the half term (first half term) who were recently awarded certificates in assembly:

Year 7 - Spanish

1. Arafat Hussain 7K
2. Sofia Abdirahman 7K
3. Zaheer Islam 7Q
4. Dawud Ali Hussain 7W
5. Rayan Islam 7H
6. Hussain Ubaid 7T
7. Jannah Al-Fatima 7M

Year 9 - Spanish/Bengali

1. Ayaan Jaberi 9X3
2. Fahim Hossain 9Y1
3. Fatema Rahman 9M
4. Irfan Kamal Ibne 9T
5. Hasan Ishaq 9X1
6. Aman Ali 9W
7. Isha Ahmed 9M
8. Tarikur Rahman 9W

Year 10 - French/Bengali

1. Saif Al Din 10Y2
2. Mohammed Mihad 10H
3. Wadee Ashaj Huq 10Q
4. Muhammad Tanbir Hussain 10H
5. Aziz Mohammed Ahyaan 10X1
6. Hajj Mgumba 10Q
7. Farhan Uallah 10H
8. Ehan Ali 10Q

Year 8 - French/Bengali

1. Aman Ali 8X2
2. Taihan Khan 8Y2
3. Dawud Syed Mostafa 8W
4. Syed Hasan 8T
5. Sami Hossain 8K
6. Bradshaw -Haq Arslam 8X3
7. Sharabdin Budaeva 8H
8. Nabeeha Islam



Year 11 - Spanish/Bengali

1. Tasin Alam 11Y2
2. Zuhair Ahmed 11H
3. Afzol Hussain 11K
4. Ihsan Ahmed 11X3
5. Husain Imad 11Y1
6. Walid Hasan 11X1
7. Noor Zaman 11H
8. Ayuub Ibraahim 11K

And the winners are!

Year 7 - Rayan Islam 7H- Spanish

Year 8 - 1. Nabeeha Islam 8Q - French 2. Syed Hasan 8T - Bengali

Year 9 - 1. Ishaq Hasan 9X1 - Spanish 2. Fateema Rahman 9M - Bengali

Year 10 - 1. Mohammed Mihad 10H - French 2. Wadee Ashaj Huq 10Q - Bengali

Year 11 - 1. Imad Hussain 11Y1 - Spanish 2. Zuhair Ahmed 11H - Bengali

All winners have been awarded a £10 voucher as a reward for their excellent work in MFL.



Well done to all our linguists of the half term and good luck to everyone for the next round of certificates.

Mr Bahier - Head of MFL

News from the PE Department

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GOLD AWARD

This has been a particularly successful term for the students of Mulberry Stepney Green with the return of more and more events.

Cricket:

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls of the Mulberry Stepney Green Cricket squad who met the famous Nasser Hussain for a coaching session and for the launch of a new Cricket coaching programme which will be starting at Mulberry Stepney Green in October. Cricket club continues every lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday. Everyone is welcome



Tall Ships

Well done to students who have just returned from a Tall Ships voyage along the south coast. The crew faced some very challenging sailing conditions, but worked brilliantly together to complete the voyage. This was also a great opportunity to learn about and experience STEM and STEM careers at sea.



More PE Department News

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

This term 37 students have completed their final Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions. Students completed a section of the Thames path and a spectacular section of the Dorset coast path. Well done to everyone who completed this challenge. We are now opening this award to year 9 and 12 for the new Bronze award group.



Girls Football Leaders

Congratulations to the 16 Girls who have recently completed the FA Football Leaders Award. This is an exceptional achievement building on the work of the Girls Active group.

Trampolining

Well done to everyone who has got involved in the new Trampolining club on a Monday. This is extremely popular and open to anyone who wants to attend.

Martin Smith - Head of PE Dept.

6th Form News

UCAS

Congratulations to our Y13 students who have successfully submitted their UCAS applications.

Some notable destinations include:

- Oxford University
- Cambridge University
- King's College London
- Imperial
- UCL
- Queen Mary University



Muhammad Zaid Shakir
Medicine, Oxford University



Arham Amin
Cambridge University, Engineering



Lucy Kilka
Cambridge University,
Veterinary Medicine



Hasnain Zia
Oxford University, Physics



Umar Hussain
Oxford University, Mathematics



Labib Siddiq
King's College London, Medicine



Mohammed Iesa Ansari
Cambridge University, Law



Mariam Sheikh
Imperial, Medicine

More 6th Form News



Year 13 students had a visit from Dr Amniul Hoque MBE. They attended a workshop where they discussed the purpose of education and what it means to be successful. They student engaged in debate and philosophical conversations about education in their culture and how this inspires them in their journey to further educations.

Year 12 Outreach Programmes:

The successful launch of the Year 12 Early Entry Programme (Aspiring Futures Society) has seen a record number of students within Year 12 applying for a range of different Outreach Programmes with the top universities. A total of 35 students have applied across 18 different programmes including: K+ with Kings College, Target Medicine with UCL, Pathways with Bath, Imperial, Queen Mary and LSE, STEM programmes with Imperial, STEM Smart with Cambridge, and many more. We already have a number of students who have successfully secured places on these prestigious programmes. Seven students have been accepted onto the Bridge the Gap programme with Queen Mary University and a further 3 students have secured a place on the STEM Smart programme with Cambridge university. We look forward to hearing about more success with this as the applications close and students receive their offers of places within the programmes!



Y13 students have been participating in a football mini-league after school to support with their mental and physical wellbeing in the midst of preparing for A level and BTEC exams.

Year 13 Early Entry Applicants:

It has been a successful year for the 2022-2024 cohort of Early Entry applicants. With new support put in place, from monthly workshops to professional tutoring for admissions test, we sent off a total of 12 applications for those requiring early entry. This included 8 applications to Oxford and Cambridge in various subjects. We also had 4 students apply to top universities to study Medicine, including; Kings, Imperial, UCL, Birmingham and many more. The support will continue as we prepare the students for their upcoming interviews, but we look forward to following their success over the year.

Bethany Thompson - 2ic PE / Futures Leader

Gifted and Talented

Highlights from this half term.

This half term, our gifted and talented students within the societies have experienced great opportunities.

They have been lucky to visit the Town Hall and learn more about how decisions and changes are made in London.



They also have been lucky to watch the play “The Witches” by Road Dahl at the National Theatre. They had an amazing time!

