

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are well. We have now sent Year 11 and 13 on study leave. We wish them the very best with their remaining exams.

On Tuesday, it was Year 12 Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see lots of families in attendance. On Wednesday, Ms Gillott, Mr Webb and Mr Murphy took students from Sixth Form to the latest STEM conference with Mercedes Formula One. Thank you to Dr Mundy for his leadership of this event.

I wish you all a very restful half term break. Students return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at the normal start time.

### **Half Term Revision School**

Year 11 and Year 13 have been invited in to school for revision. You would have received a separate letter if your child is required to attend. Thank you to the staff who are coming in to run these sessions.

### **Year 9 DTP/MEN ACWY Vaccinations**

The Year 9 vaccinations will be administered in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

### **Uniform Standards**

Students must wear their blazers around the school building at all times. If you have a child in Sixth Form, please remind them to wear their lanyard. Hoodies are not allowed inside the school gates and any seen will be confiscated.

Yours faithfully



Ms Melissa Gibson  
Head of School

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## Executive Principal's and Head of School's News



### Livery Company Dinner

Well done Tajwar and Julie for their exceptional participation at the Annual Livery Banquet at Fishmongers' Hall! As they mingled with guests, their conversations sparked curiosity and captivated the attention of all those around them. Among the distinguished individuals they engaged with was none other than Professor Roger Kirby, the

esteemed President of the Royal Society of Medicine. I hope the evening remains a cherished memory for you both.

Thank you to one of our governors Mr Edwards Nichols for this opportunity we are incredibly grateful.

### Careers Conference

Thank you to Ms Gillott, Mr Webb and Mr Murphy for ensuring our students participated and had a brilliant time at the latest STEM conference with Mercedes Formula 1. Thank you to Dr Mundy for his leadership of this event.



### Half term revision School for Year 11 and 13.

Next week, the school is on May half term. We'd like to wish everyone a peaceful break. However, Year 11 and 13 have been Invited in for lessons to prepare them for their exams which continue to take place. Thank you to the staff who are coming in to run these sessions.

Thank you,  
**Mrs Ruth Holden,**  
Executive Principal  
**Ms Melissa Gibson,**  
Head of School



## Sixth Form News

22nd May, Mr Hibbs and Mr Khan took a select group of Year 13 students out for Lunch at Nando's. This was to reward excellent attendance across their entire time during sixth form at MAS. A huge congratulations to these students for maintaining an impressive 100% attendance to school for year 12 and 13.



The sixth form BTEC Business students went on a trip to Carmen Hall on the 23rd of May 2024. They had a workshop on learning about logistics. Students learnt about logistics, planning, organizing, and tracking which are essential for students to succeed in managing their resources effectively. By grasping the logistics concepts, students can apply similar principles to streamline their study routines and achieve academic success.

Learning about logistics is crucial because it helps businesses efficiently manage the movement of goods and services, ensuring they reach the right



place at the right time. Planning and organization are key in logistics, and understanding these concepts can benefit students in managing their tasks effectively. Business students understand logistics principles which enhances their problem-solving skills, improves their ability to coordinate activities and develop a strategic mindset that can be applied not only in their academic pursuits but also in various aspects of their lives.

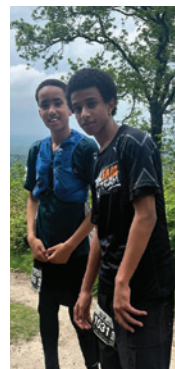
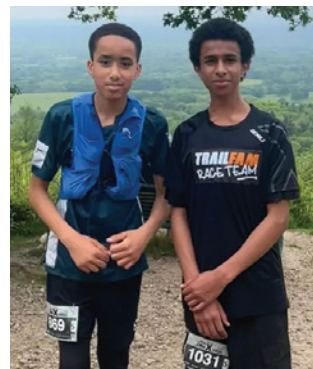
**WEX REMINDER! The deadline to find a WEX placement and hand your completed form to Mr Khan is 3rd June.**



# TRAILFAM

## North Downs race

On Saturday 18th May, TrailFam took 8 MAS students to run the gruelling, Maverick race North Downs x series 11km. As some of the only young people running a race with over 1000ft of elevation in a race of mostly adults, our students put their hours of training to good use and performed outstandingly well. With over 300 competitors, TrailFam ended up with 3 students finishing inside the top 30 runners and year 7, Leo finishing 5th overall!



Here's what a leading Trail Running magazine had to say about us at the recent Ultra-Trail Snowdonia event...

Upon descending into the checkpoint, a kid on a wall shouted my race number down the trail, "1299!" A further "1299" echoed down the zigzag path. When I reached the bottom, a cluster of kids in "Trail Fam" t-shirts shouted, "Give me an R, Give me an O, Give me a B, I, N! ITS ROBIN!!" and then erupted into applause. It was such a beautiful moment; I was completely taken aback and nearly cried. I've since looked up Trail Fam, and they do such lovely charitable work in getting people outdoors. I'll be trying to raise money for them in the future after this unforgettable memory. It really is the small things in these long races that stick with you."

## House news

What a fantastic half term we have had with the Houses! During tutor time, we learnt about Earth Day, stress management and Mental Health Awareness Week. Students particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to get active and moving for their mental health through a fun game of Simon says. The first event hosted was a pizza party for students who have achieved over 100 house points so far. We were able to invite over 150 students! Our first competition this half term was Catchphrase. Well done to Tate for winning! Last week, we hosted our half termly reward event, which was movie night. We watched Ku Fu Panda 4, well done to all of those invited. Today, we hosted the most anticipated event of the term - Boys Football. It was well played by all and we're excited to announce the results!

## Worthy Downs Navy Base trip

On Thursday 23rd May, the History, Politics and English Society students went on a trip to Worthy Downs Navy Base near Winchester to the catering training wing that trains chefs for the Navy, the Army and the Airforce. They had a tour of the college and a talk about different careers and apprenticeships at the base - and they got to sample some delicious Chinese food made by the chefs!



## Social Science Society



Social Science Society recently attended an enlightening workshop by Queen Mary University, where they delved into the fascinating subjects of law and democracy. Through engaging activities and discussions, the workshop highlighted the importance of active citizenship and the role of law in shaping society. Students left with a deeper understanding of the intricacies of legal studies and a newfound appreciation for democratic processes, inspiring many to consider future studies and careers in these vital fields.



# Year 8 Go-Karting Rewards Trip

On Thursday a group of Year 8 students were treated to a Go-karting trip to reward them for their attendance, punctuality and improved behaviour. They had a fun and exhilarating afternoon racing round the track and the three winners were Fayyaz, Shakur and Iba - well done!



# Sports Society

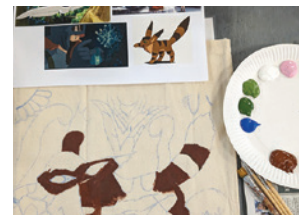
For our new Sports society's first trip on Thursday, students went to Lords to watch the armed forces day cricket match!



# Studio Ghibli club

This term in Studio Ghibli Club, we are designing and painting our own tote bags inspired by the film Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind.

The film sparked a discussion about climate crisis and what traits help establish a positive and strong female character.



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## YEAR 7&8 SURFING AND CAMPING TRIP

ON THE SOUTH COAST

24TH-27TH JUNE 2024  
2 FULL DAYS OF SURF LESSONS + CAMPFIRE COOKING

14 SPACES AVAILABLE

PRICE £200 PER PERSON

PER SEE MR BECKERTON FOR MORE INFO

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## THURSDAYS YEAR 7 CRICKET

After school in the Sports Hall  
See Mr Vickers for more info

## + ATHLETICS

ALL-YEAR GROUPS  
After school in the Sports Hall  
See Mr Campbell for more info

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## ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

The 'root' is the basic part of a word that has meaning and can have a 'prefix' or 'suffix' added to it.

# bio

= life

Wow!

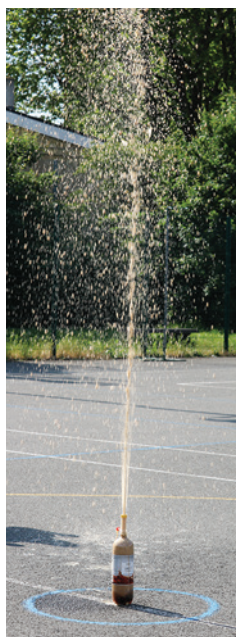
EXAMPLES

- Biologist** - A biologist is someone who studies living things.
- Biodiversity** - Biodiversity is the variety of life found on Earth (plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms).
- Biography** - A biography is a written description of a person's life.



# STEM CORNER

Science Club was a lot of fun on Monday. Students went outside into the MUGA with bottles of cola and mentos to see how they react when mixed together. There were some exciting results with cola foam spraying everywhere!



# MULBERRY STEM ACADEMY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND PRIX

## Careers conference with Mercedes Benz Grand Prix



This week, all of our Y10 and Y12 STEM Academy students attended the careers conference at the School for Girls. Students heard from three different engineers, including the head of mechanical design, a programme planner and an aerodynamicist, from Mercedes F1 AMG. It was an inspiring afternoon hearing about the wide range of careers within engineering! Students asked brilliant questions about the motivation for becoming engineers, what a day in the life looks like and their favorite parts of the job!

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

If  $(a \times b=2)$ ,  $(b \times c=24)$ ,  $(c \times a=3)$  and  $(a,b)$  and  $c$  are all positive, what is the value of  $(a+b+c)$ ?

**ANSWER: 10.5**

From the three equations we see that  $(abc)^2 = 2 \times 24 \times 3 = 144$  and so, since  $abc$  is positive,  $abc = 12$ . Then the third equation tells us that  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , the second that  $b = 4$  and the first that  $c = 6$ . Therefore  $a + b + c = 10\frac{1}{2}$ .



**Your child is due to receive their Year 9 DTP/MEN ACWY VACCINATIONS, which will be given in school on Monday 3rd June 2024.**

**Please complete the form by following this link, even if you wish to refuse.**

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2023/towerhamlets>