

Newsletter

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Parents and Carers.

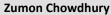
I hope this Parents Newsletter finds you and your family in good health.

In terms of learning it has been a great year, with the

additional intervention classes, the students have started to make up for lost progress during the covid years. From September 2024 all year groups will have additional classes, after school, to ensure they continue to make outstanding progress. I hope you are able to support this programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the students who have just sat their exams, the very best for their results. Headteacher. I wish both of these colleagues the very best for their new role within the leadership of the school.







Hamid Amellal

From September 2024 I have been asked to move to the role of Executive Headteacher, which will include supporting other schools within the Mulberry Trust, one of these schools will still be Mulberry Stepney Green. I am pleased to inform you that the new Head of School will be Mr Zumon Chowdhury.

The schools current Head of Maths Faculty, Mr Hamid Amellal is promoted to the role of Assistant The Year 7 cohort, for September 2024, is full with 190 students. The school continues to be hugely oversubscribed. The number of girls in school next year will stand at 210, which is a testimony to the trust and support that families have in our school.



The student leadership continues to have impact on behalf of the whole school. I am pleased to inform you that the Sixth Form and the Year 11 leadership stands as follows:

School Presidents



School PresidentShivangi Mukherjee



School President
Afzal Rahman

Afzal Rahman

Head Prefects



Head PrefectTayebah Yasmin



Head Prefect Armaan Hussain

Deputy Prefects



Mohammed Ishaq Hussain



Khadra Saleh



Amin Nasser Ramadan



Yusuf Chowdhury



Nadima Islam



Farhan Uallah

Please would you continue to encourage your child to read, a book of fiction, regularly thoughout the summer holidays. Maybe you could turn on the English subtitles on your tv, which would also encourage reading. Research has shown that reading has a direct impact on students achievements.

The academic year ended with an outstanding whole school assembly, where students were awarded certificates and prizes, in recognition of their achievement. The number of award winners continues to grow and is really impressive.

I would like to personally thank each and everyone for their support whilst I have served as the Headteacher of Mulberry Stepney Green. It's been a pleasure working with you to ensure that our students dreams and aspirations become a reality.

I will continue to demand the very best from our students and look forward to them becoming successful, independent people. I am proud of all our students and staff.

I finish by wishing you and your family a restful Summer break.

God bless

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Mr P.S Bhutta/Headteacher

English Department News

Yr 11 GCSE Language & Literature Exams

Despite a very busy year, our students worked tirelessly and put effort into a final push before sitting their GCSE English Language and English Literature exams. All of our students worked exceptionally hard, revising and showcasing their very best work under exam conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 11 teachers and students in completing what has been a very challenging academic year.

We would also like to wish all of our Yr 11s the very best for the future and we hope to see many of them in our very successful Sixth Form.

See you all on Grades Day in August!

Mr A. Ullah - Head of English Faculty

Sixth Form English

Year 12 and year 13 re-take have officially finished exams. Well done to students for their hard work and dedication in the weeks leading up to the exams.

A Level

Year 12 students are now preparing for their coursework and studying unseen poetry.

Pupils have enjoyed studying this wide literary and historical period which deals with universal themes of love, memory, class, religion and gender.

I wish to share a message with the Year 13 students:

"Dear Year 13 A Level English, it has been a privilege to teach you this past year. The mature, intelligent and insightful way you have approached the course has been truly inspiring. Wishing you all the best of luck for the future."

Ms Khatun - Head of KS5 English

Literacy News

Literacy is the key to Success

Literacy at Mulberry Stepney Green School

At Mulberry Stepney Green School, we believe that literacy is the key to success. Therefore, each term we focus on developing a different aspect of literacy across the school.

Writing Across the School

This term, our literacy focus is writing. Teachers develop pupils' writing skills such as spelling, punctuation, grammar, sentence and paragraph structure. Moreover, all teachers develop vocabulary actively in their lessons, building systematically on pupils' current knowledge.

Reading at Home

Parental involvement with reading activities at home has significant positive influences not only on reading achievement, language comprehension and expressive language skills,

Literacy News continued

but also on students' interest in reading, and attentiveness in the classroom.

Consequently, it is important that parents encourage their children to read at home. All students have access to the library at school and can select a range of books such autobiographies, as novels, and revision biographies, manga. booklets which are provided by the librarian. We would like to encourage parents to have impactful conversations with their children regarding books which they are reading.

How can parents encourage their child to read at home?

Help your children select books that they enjoy reading. Find out what your child

currently enjoys and if he/she would like to read books focused on that area such as football, sports, biographies, science, mystery, adventure, history.

Spend quality time reading with your child at home. Choose your favourite time to read at home with your child and enjoy it.

You may encourage your child to read on an electronic device such as a kindle. They might prefer this format.

You could also engage your child with audiobooks.

Alternatively, you could also use subtitles at home to help pupils develop their reading skills whilst watching a video.



Literacy News continued

Engage your child in discussions about your favourite books and characters from novels. From these discussions, they might be inspired to emulate your positive attitude to reading.

Literacy Interventions

We provide valuable literacy interventions for selected groups of students to boost their attainment throughout their secondary education. These take the form of Additional English lessons for years 7 and 8 students, as well as one-to-one English tuitions for year 7. These interventions have been advantageous to students by improving their literacy skills and raising attainment. I would like to thank parents for supporting these important literacy intervention sessions.

Literacy Achievement

This term, 10 students from Mulberry Stepney Green School participated in the Mulberry Schools Trust Literacy Project - Letters to Our Daughters. Students were invited to write a creative and encouraging poem or letter to their future daughter. This was an exciting opportunity to engage girls in our school with gender and creative writing.

I am pleased to announce that Zaina Khan from year 10 was selected to perform her beautiful and inspirational poem at the Mulberry Trust event at Wilton Hall on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Her performance was absolutely fantastic and captivating.

Congratulations to Zaina for her successful performance which left a tremendously emotional impact on the audience at Wilton Hall. Additionally, I commend Zaina for her dedication, enthusiasm, resilience and diligence.



Maths Department News

I begin by congratulating all pupils for their hard work throughout this term and thanking parents/guardians for their continuing support.

Year 11 and Year 13

Well done for completing their exams. They were well prepared, thanks to a dedicated maths staff who gave up their own holiday to advise and support your child. We are proud of our students worked hard and perseverance. We look forward to receiving impressive results in August.

Year 7- Year 10 and Year 12

Students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and year 12 have completed AP3 exams. They should continue to evaluate their performance and work on the advice given by their teachers.

UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



Forty Students from Years 7 & 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. We are very pleased to report that students attained three gold, thirteen silver and eight bronze certificates. We are extremely proud of Abdur-Rahman Shahid who achieved a gold award and qualified for the second round, Sharabdin Budaeva who achieved gold, best in year 8 award and qualified for the second round. A special congratulation to Abdul Wajid in Year 7 who achieved Gold, best in school award and a merit in the second round of the competition.

Year 8 Girls into maths Careers



Year 8 girls participated in an inspiring workshop at Imperial College London, designed to ignite their interest in math careers. The event featured interactive activities that showcased real-world applications of mathematics and allowed the students to engage with accomplished female mathematicians. The workshop empowered the girls to envision themselves in mathematical careers. The students returned with great confidence and a passion for mathematics, ready to explore the limitless possibilities within the field.

Year 9 - Islamic Arts Workshop at the Wallace Collection Museum

Year 9 students visited the Wallace Collection Museum and explored the links between mathematics and art and how geometry is an essential component of Islamic art. Working with an artist trained in the Islamic tradition, students created tessellating patterns using a pair of compasses and watercolours. Very inspiring workshop.





Chess competition

Arham Shyem from Year 9 secured a victory in a chess competition against a student from Stepney All Saints. Demonstrating effective strategic thinking and concentration, this win highlights his skills in the game and contributes to his school's achievements in extracurricular activities.



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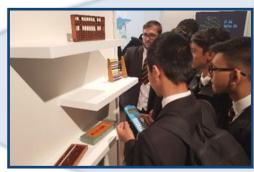
More Maths Department News

Year 10- The global history of maths

Year 10 G&T pupils visited King's College London in celebration of the global history of mathematics with an exhibition and series of taster days for schools. The exhibition looked at contributions to the development of mathematics from across the world: such as abacuses from China, Mayan number systems, Latin squares from Korea and Ukrainian sphere packing. The exhibits were created by an artist and showcased the visual excitement of mathematics.





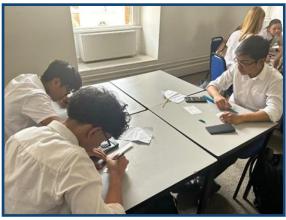




Year 10 and Year 9 - The Greenwich Maths Time

Twenty students from Year 10 and ten students from Year 9 visited Greenwich University to take part in mathematics lectures on encryptions and statistics. This proved to be an inspiring and transformative experience. Through immersive lectures, hands-on encryption workshops, and engaging interactions with professionals in the field, the students were able to deepen their understanding of space exploration, coding, and the potential career pathways available to them in STEM fields.







More Maths Department News

Y10 Trip to Queen Mary university

Year 10 pupils had an exciting visit to a STEM workshop at Queen Mary University. During their time there, they engaged in various hands-on activities, including building model airplanes and racing remote-controlled cars. They also explored the dynamics of earthquakes and chaos through simulations and applied engineering principles to create ice cream. The workshop offered a wide range of interactive experiences, sparking their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.







Year 9 RAF Museum Trip

Year 9 students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to the RAF Museum. During their trip, they explored an impressive collection of aircraft. The students engaged with interactive exhibits, learning about the science of flight and the heroic stories of RAF pilots and crews. The visit was both educational and exciting, leaving the students with a deeper appreciation for aviation history.









More Maths Department News

Year 7 UCL filming

Fifteen Year 7 students had the unique opportunity to participate in the filming of a promotional video by University College London (UCL). They were filmed being taught by UCL's student teachers, showcasing dynamic and interactive teaching methods. It was an exciting and enriching experience, the students were inspired and enthusiastic about their learning journey.

Year 7 - The escape room

This Term, Year 7 students went on an exhilarating trip to an escape room in Central London. Divided into groups, the students used teamwork and problemsolving skillsas they were faced with a series of challenging puzzles within immersive themed rooms, ranging from mysterious treasure hunts to futuristic missions. The adventure not only provided an exciting break from the classroom but also fostered collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.





Microsoft Teams

Students can message their teachers in Microsoft teams should they have any queries regarding their work. They can also share ideas and discuss their work with other students in their class. This will enable students to develop and broaden their learning experience.

Maths Homework Club

The popular mathematics homework club takes place every Wednesday and Thursday in Room 605 from 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM. This club offers an excellent opportunity for students to receive additional support and guidance with their mathematics homework. Please encourage your child to attend this beneficial program in September, as it can greatly enhance their understanding and performance in mathematics.

Puzzle Club

The maths department runs a popular puzzle club Monday and Wednesday lunchtime. This is open to all year groups. Students can play a variety of games such as connect four, Uno, chess, rubik's cube and many more. There are also opportunities to learning coding by programming a robot to draw different designs.





Interactive Online Learning

We encourage Students to continue with their home learning during the holiday. They should place a particular emphasis on areas of weakness. Independent study is an essential part of academic success and your support in delivering this message is much appreciated

As you know the school is subscribed to mathswatch Learning websites, a top quality elearning service that has been proven to improve student's achievement through online revision and exam practice. Below is the link to the website.

www.vle.mathswatch.com

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

On behalf of all the members of the Mathematics Faculty I would like to wish every student, parent and carer a very happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Mr. Amellal - Head of Maths

Science Department News

Science Taster Days

We hosted another successful event at Mulberry Stepney Green with our local primary schools, scientists, science with future exploring engineers, and doctors. Held in room A102 from June 18th to 28th, the event was fun and educational for the Year 5 students who gained lab experience, learning how to safely conduct experiments. They witnessed exciting reactions like elephant toothpaste and the human torch and participated in various fun practical. Thanks to our science teachers and volunteers from years 9, 10, and 12 for making it possible.









Olympiad Awards 2024

The Olympiad is an esteemed international competition that challenges high school students in various scientific disciplines. This year, a group of Year 12 students excelled in both Biology and Chemistry Olympiads, showcasing their remarkable knowledge and skills. These young scholars not only participated but also achieved passing scores, highlighting their dedication and the rigorous preparation involved. Their success in these prestigious competitions underscores their potential to contribute significantly to scientific advancements in the future.

Well done for the students who participated below:

Chemistry Olympiad

Mahdi Haidar Mahmud Abdussmad _{12M} Muhammad Bilal Ali 12W

Bronze Winners:

Hamzah Alam Sarker 12T Muhammed Yaseen Zoarder 12T Mushfiq Hussain 12H Shivangi Mukherjee 12O

Biology Olympiad

Bronze winners:

Nabil Tanbeer 12T Maryam Abdullah 12O Mudasir Masoodi 12T Mohanad Mousa 12P

Silver winners:

Rohan Miah 12H Zihan Miah 12W Shivangi Mukherjee 12O

Year 12 poster design competition

Imperial held a competition to design a poster to illustrate an idea that combines science and engineering with health research to help improve lives.

Each school is allowed to enter a poster/team into each of the following contests:

- British Hert Foundation Cardiovascular prize
- The Lung prize
- Scleroderma & Reynaud's prize
- Vasculitis prize
- Global health prize.

Prizes are £3000 1st prize, £2000 2nd prize and £1000 3rd prize for each category, to help the schools and students further their science related activities.

Entries closed on 1st July and we want to thank all students who took part. Good luck with the competition!

Culture Day 2024

Our Year 7 pupils were recently involved in Mulberry Stepney Green's first ever Culture Day, which was hosted following a request from our School Council.

The day began with a celebration assembly, put on by Cultural Ambassadors from years 8 and 9 and teachers. We learned about what makes some of our staff and pupils proud about their heritage and about some of the key demographics living in our borough.

Pupils then had the opportunity to research some of the cultures that make up the rich tapestry of our school as part of a House Competition.











After break, students took part in an inter-house cricket competition and a creative culture lesson ranging from an afternoon tea food tech lesson to making Chinese lanterns in art, a football themed music lesson and a Polish games class.

There was a fantastic atmosphere all day as pupils were as excited to be celebrating their own culture by wearing cultural dress or the colours of their flags as they were to be learning about others' cultures.





Ms E Shannon - Student Voice Co-ordinator

STEM Projects

STEM Robotics

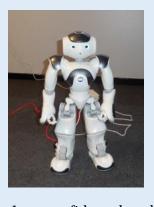
Current Year 10 have successfully completed the workshop for STEM Robotics. I would like to acknowledge their work with the following:

"You have worked hard, shown dedication and participated actively. You were faced with computational problems and challenges which you were able to overcome with using your problem-solving ability.











I am confident that the skills and knowledge you have gained will greatly benefit you in the coming years. Excellent work, and well done."

Mercedes AMF Petronas F1 Factory

The year 12 STEM scholars from Mulberry Stepney Green School and Mulberry School for Girls enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 factory based in Brackley for a one-week residential work experience.

The students enjoyed a tour of the factory as well as the opportunity to work in different departments. They gained invaluable insight into the various areas such as design, communications, and Virtual Racing simulators, that contribute to the construction of

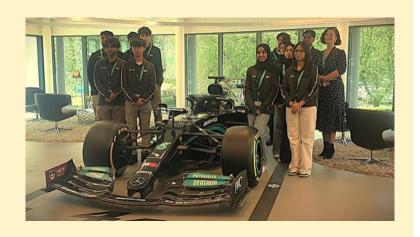
the F1 car.
Students als

Students also had the amazing experience of meeting and speaking with influential figures from the world of motorsport including Tom Lynch (Talent Acquisition Manager), Giacomo Tortora (Deputy Chief Designer), James Allison (Technical Director), and CEO of the Mercedes F1 team, Toto Wolff!



The students also got an extraordinary tour of the Heritage Museum based at the world-famous Silverstone racetrack. We even found some time for a spot of shopping at the luxury designer outlet, Bicester Village.

All students from both schools were great ambassadors to the Mulberry Schools Trust and they left with memories that will last a lifetime. We would like to thank everyone involved from the Mercedes F1 Team and Mulberry Schools Trust for this amazing opportunity.



Mr T. Uddin - Head of ITC Faculty

Mr. Bisran - Green Power Coordinator

Media Studies News

Reflections of the Year

The Media Studies Department had a productive year of curriculum coverage and practical production.

This term, students worked on planning and research for the NEA (non- examined assessment) using PhotoPea and Canva applications.

Overall, all students enjoyed their theory as well as their practical skills development.

Year 11 and Year 13 students worked towards their final summer 2024 examinations.

All the best to you all for your future career prospects.

Our Media Influencers for the Sumer Term are:

Year 13- Jabir Begg Mirza

Year 12 - Hasin Ullah

Year 11 - Zakaria Mohammed Tanvir Alom

Year 10 - Yasmin Tayebah

Year 9 - Rawnak Khan

Congratulations them for their outstanding effort and achievement in their Media Studies Course.

Marketing Media

Over the last year students have had numerous activities, talks and presentations to help them understand that Media Studies is a relevant subject, with value to any career path they may choose

Ms Shannon - spoke to the Y11s about her previous career in Media and publishing. Students found Ms Shannon's talk to them, highly motivational.



We also had Sayed Ahmed and Lilly Lowe from the Communications Department of the Government, to speak to our Y11s who thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, information and anecdotes about the government's communications team.

They were interested in communications and public relations, and some were inspired to consider this as future career prospects.



Taster Lessons

Our taster lessons and sessions gave prospective students the opportunity try out activities and have their questions answered.

Amaan Hussain (Year 8) said: "I really enjoyed the Media Studies option assembly that the Year 7 students helped to present. This made me choose Media for my options."



Extra Curricular

Behind the Headlines by The Guardian Foundation

Students from Y13 to Y10 participated in a virtual workshop, an wonderful opportunity that was given to us by The Guardian Foundation.

Charity begins at home: A level students

Our Year 12 and Year 13 students embarked on acts of kindness to the homeless in the local community. Inspired by their set product, Shelter (a national charity organisation) providing assistance to the homeless, once again students and teacher embarked on acts of kindness in the local community, including, amongst other endeavours, buying food for the homeless,

Well done to all for your generosity, kindness and compassion.

Have an enjoyable summer holiday.

Ms A. Maharaj - Head of Media Studies

ADT News

Tate Modern Art Trip

On the 4th July 20 Y8 & Y12 Art students visited the largest free art gallery in the world, Tate Modern. They admired the bold and impressive architecture of the Tate Modern building and learnt about sculpture, fine art, film, photography, light and sound installations from artists across all cultures.

On the second floor of the Blavatnik Building there two trees that displayed message of hope, love and peace. Students contributed their own messages and sketches which were tied to the tree for others to read. Johaina Faisal 8K and Tayiba Sultana 8K sketched some delightful portraits of their friends to honour their friendship.

Students had a mini sketchbook where they recorded and sketched their ideas and explorations of the diverse art on display. They produced some lovely drawings from different galleries and discussed what they thought of the art. Hammad Rahman 8W was very insightful and was able to interpret some of the more challenging concepts of abstract art.

Faiha Quayyum's 8T, reflections of the visit were, "I really enjoyed the Pop Art gallery and some of the work that used text". Overall, it was a very successful trip and the students came back to school thoroughly inspired by the art they had experienced.



Ms Joynson & Ms Godfrey - Art

Design Project

This week the year 10 Graphics classes had their Playing Cards project mock exams in preparation for the externally set assignment they will be doing in year 11. Thus far, pupils have taken pose images and traced their own character designs on top. They then used Paintshop Pro (Digital Software) to colour and render their designs. In the upcoming weeks they will be turning these into completed playing card outcomes.







Mr Sitek - ADT department

Year 9 GCSE Art

Students have been working on their new project Urban Environments exploring new artists and materials to build upon their skills. The first element of the project was looking at the art works of Sunga Parks, a contemporary Korean artist, and using watercolour to explore different buildings and refining the pieces with a fine liner pen.



The second artist, Tom Quigley, a British based artist, who uses the backdrop of Manchester to create his paintings; "I like to record elements of the city which would normally be disregarded or insignificant. I like to include graffiti, bins and other everyday objects in the urban landscape." Instead of oil paint, the students are using acrylic paint to explore layering and texture building alongside colour mixing.



The project will culminate in them choosing their favourite medium and artist style to create a personal response to *Urban Environments*.

PE Department News

This has been a particularly successful term for the students of Mulberry Stepney Green.

TH Borough Athletics Championships:

This year the return of our Borough Athletics. Over 60 students represented or school in these events. Within this we had 11 Borough champions. Particular congratulations go to the Boys year 9 and year 10 teams who won their competitions and are now Borough champions.

Girls Multi Sports Monday

Following consultation with our Girls we have moved a wide range of activities to a Monday after school for a Girls only session. Mulberry Girls school and Mulberry Shoreditch have also been a part of this programme. Girls have been involved in Trampolining, Netball, Football, Weight lifting and Badminton. Well done to everyone who has been involved. Also, a well done to the Girls that have attended the other clubs throughout the week as well.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are continuing with our new group of Duke of Edinburgh's award students. Groups are completing their Training expeditions this term ready for their assessments in the Autumn.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award trip photos





Simmonds Cups:

Another particular achievement has been coming 6th In the London Wide Simmonds Cup. In addition, we were the First school over all in Tower Hamlets which is the first time we have achieved this in a very long time. Well done to everyone who contributed to this success.

Girls Outdoor Simmonds Cup

On Wednesday 3rd July Mulberry Stepney Green organised and competed in the Girls Outdoor Simmonds Cup in the inspirational Olympic park. Within this event, which included 17 schools from across London, the Mulberry schools attended and competed. Congratulations to the girls from Mulberry Stepney Green who were the winners within the Mulberry Trust schools.



More PE News

BADMINTON:

Well done to our Badminton team who are the current Borough champions at KS4. Badminton club continues on a Thursday after school and is open to everyone.



CLUBS:

Well done to all students who have been attending additional clubs this term. Staying active is a massive part of improving your overall Health.

Sports day

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the Mulberry Stepney Green Sports day on 13th June. The event saw students from year 7 to 10 competing in an Athletics event. Particular congratulations go to the following winners: Year 7 Redwood, Year 8 Oak, Year 9 Willow, Year 10 Elm and the overall winners who were Oak this year. In our school we see our inter house Athletics day like the Olympics Opening ceremony. Throughout the following 2 week all students are involved in a wide range of Inter house Sporting competitions. We believe this gives students the opportunity to earn points for their house in the events that they feel most confident in. In addition, to the







competitive element of Sports day we promote and actively engage students with the Olympic and Paralympic values of: Excellence, Respect, Friendship, Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. We all know, from our own experience, that in competitive Sport there is only one winner in each event. At our school we recognise that and embed the importance doing your best and of valuing your contribution to the overall team effort. Well done and thanks to everyone for your support.



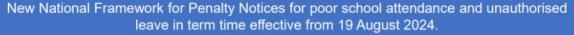




Mr. Smith - Head of PE

Information for Parents

PENALTY NOTICES





Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.

For example – 2 siblings being absent for unauthorised leave in term time, will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.

Penalty Notices will be issued for:

Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days or more
 sessions of unauthorised absence and/or lateness
 in a 10 week period

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)

Second Offence

The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(There is no reduction for any early payment.)

Third Offence

The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.

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Safeguarding

At Mulberry Stepney Green we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students.

If you have a safeguarding concern about your child, please contact their Head of Year or the Safeguarding lead

Mr D. Barton - Pastoral Leader

Mr J. Farley - Pastoral Leader

Ms A. Begum - Pastoral Leader

Ms K. Abed - Pastoral Leader

Mr S. Chowdhury - Pastoral Leader

Ms R. Gill - Pastoral Leader

Ms A. Paczynski - Pastoral Leader

Mr P. Bhutta - School Safeguarding Lead

Mr F. Patel - Designated Safeguarding Lead