

23rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that, after 20 years at Mulberry, I have made the very difficult decision to step down as Chief Executive Officer at the end of March 2026. Mulberry has been at the centre of my life for two decades, and it has been the greatest privilege to serve our students, staff, families and communities during this time.

Together, we have achieved so much. I am deeply proud of our students - their achievements, their leadership, their compassion and their determination to change the world for the better. Whether it has been through our Global Girl Leading initiative, our students debating at Model United Nations conferences, or the young scientists and engineers who have thrived in our STEM Academy with Mercedes Grand Prix, our young people have consistently shown ambition, courage and creativity. Their success reflects not only their hard work, but also the strength of the partnership between home and school that sits at the heart of Mulberry.

Over the past decade, our Trust has grown and flourished. We have opened three new schools and a family learning centre, and by March 2026 we will be a family of 15 schools. Our schools have become known across the country for high academic performance, outstanding inclusion, excellent staff professional development and teacher training, and exceptional personal development for our students. We have been honoured to welcome inspiring visitors from HM Queen Camilla to First Lady Michelle Obama - whose recognition of our young people's achievements has meant so much to us all.

Although I will be leaving Mulberry at the end of March, I will continue to work in education, taking on a new role with the Department for Education leading London schools. I will always remain closely connected to Mulberry and look forward to seeing our family of schools continue to thrive.

The Board of Trustees will appoint a new CEO who shares our values and commitment to excellence. We have an outstanding senior team, dedicated headteachers, and a wise and caring group of trustees who will ensure a smooth transition and a strong future for the Trust.

It has been an honour to lead schools in this remarkable community and to watch our students grow into confident, compassionate and accomplished young people. Thank you for your constant support of our work and our schools.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Vanessa Ogden CBE

Our schools



Professional Development
and Training



Connecting
hackney and
tower hamlets
schools



Mulberry Changemaker Programmes



Community

