

# 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 and your family a Happy New Year.

As you are aware, the Year 13 and Year 11 exams were cancelled last year, due to the disruption caused by Covid to the students' learning. The final grades awarded were based on the work completed in class and formal assessments.

The Teacher Assessed Grades were agreed by the exam board. I am pleased to report that our results have, once again, exceeded all expectations. The school is one of the top 10% of schools nationally for Key Stage 4 and in the top 1% of schools for A Levels.

#### **GCSE outcomes**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>9-4 grades (A* - C)</u>		
English Language	90.4% Well above National		
English Literature	90% Well above National		
Mathematics	87% Well above National		
Triple Science	100% Well above National		
Computer Science	89.4% Well above National		
French	79.3% Well above National		
Geography	75.5% Well above National		
History	72.7% Well above National		
Sports Studies	95.2% Well above National		
Business Studies	81% Well above National		
Religious Studies	82% Well above National		

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

For 2021/2022 we have 340 students in the Sixth Form and 190 places in Year 7 are full. The school continues to grow from strength to strength. The number of girls at Mulberry Stepney Green is growing rapidly and they are part of the school leadership through the student voice process.

I am pleased to inform you that the following students have been elected as our student leaders.



School president – Shumaita Misbahul



Vice President – Mohammed Abdul Basit



Head Prefect - Abdul Aziz Kalam



Deputy Head Prefect - Yaser Abdi Shakur



Deputy Head Prefect - Hamza Md Yahya



Deputy Head Prefect - Imdad Uddin



Deputy Head Prefect - Md Adil Hossain

I am pleased to inform you that the school became part of the Mulberry Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, we look forward to providing our students with new opportunities, which this partnership will bring.

The DfE have advised the school to put in place the Lateral Flow Test on our return from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All students are to continue to wear masks, unless exempt, in all areas of the school. The national guidance is that all adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a <u>contact</u> of someone with Covid-19, whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of Covid-19.

At the moment the schools are to continue as normal and plan for exams, for our Year 13 and Year 11, at the end of the academic year. However, all students should approach each assessment in a subject as though it is the final exam. These assessments will be used to evident the final grade if Teacher Assessed Grades are called for.

I would like to wish you and your family a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Whatever challenges the new year will bring, we will face them together and ensure all our students achieve their full potential.

God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P.S. Bhutta / Headteacher

# **News from the English Faculty**

### Yr 11: GCSE English Language & English Literature Centre Assessed Grades

Our Year 11 students worked tirelessly and put in all their hard work and effort in the final push to produce evidence of their highest ability in both English Language and English Literature. This was then used so that their teachers could decide their Centre Assessed Grades and send off work to the examining board in order to substantiate the grades that were awarded. All of our students worked exceptionally hard by revising and showcasing their very best work under exam conditions in order to evidence their full potential.

As a result, this academic year began with much celebration and pride as we, in the English Faculty beat our previous GCSE records. The hard work and dedication of the team ensured that we achieved 89.8% grades 9 to 4 in English Literature GCSE (our best ever results) which was well above national which was 79.9%.

Our English Language GCSE grade 9 to 4 was 90.4% again well above National which came in at 71.1%.

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!

The key messages from the team in English 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 forthcoming 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.

Post Covid World – adapting to the new 'normal'

Although the 2021 began with much anxiety and instability due to the post Covid-19 global pandemic world. this current academic year saw our students quickly adapt to the changing environment whilst some still maintained safe distancing guidelines and wearing masks. Teachers and students adapted once again to cater their teaching and learning in order to help and support students to catch up for lost time and Covid related disruptions.

#### Mr A. Ullah

# **More English News**

# AS Level and A Level English Literature:

Well done to the Year 12's for the smooth transition into A levels English literature and the continued hard work and dedication shown. A great start to the year so far and I hope your enthusiasm for the subject continues!

A huge thank you to Aadil Ibn Ala and Nusaba Kazi for helping out with the sixth form open day. Your help was greatly appreciated!



Well done to the year 13's who have been working hard and preparing for their mock exams and CAG's. It has not been an easy year so continue to stay motivated!

#### Retake GCSE English Language:

Well done to the retake class for sitting their exams in November. It has been a difficult year and you have still continued to work hard and stay dedicated.

#### Ms Khatun

#### Accelerated Reader\* Renaissance Accelerated Reader

Renaissance Accelerated Reader is back!

Teachers of Years 7, 8 and 9 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, 8 and 9 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 most amount of quizzes.



Congratulations to all of the year 10 students who participated in this year's Jack Petchey Speak Out workshop.

A specific well done to the pupils who have made it through to the knock out stages.

Next step Regionals!



### Literacy Clubs

Did you know?

Reading reduces stress by 68 percent

When children have a home library, as few as 20 books of their own at home, they achieve three more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home

Read 20 minutes a day, and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year

Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are in the top two percent of reading achievement

Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading



# **Mrs Burton's Must Reads!**



"Riya is one of my new favourite characters. She's tenacious and determined and is someone you can really relate to"

From our resident author of the much beloved 'Accidental Rich Boy' comes the thrilling new instalment 'The Cookie Dealer'. Mr Ullah's second novel, is a sequel to his debut title which proved hugely popular among readers of all ages, and promises to be just as enthralling as the first.

Copies of 'The Cookie Dealer' will be available in the school library upon release, make sure you get yours early to avoid disappointment!



Abmal Ullah

#### 'Accidental Rich Boy'

Growing up in a London tower block is not easy, especially for fifteen-year-old Nadim who just seems to keep getting hit by one problem after an- other. Keeping on top of school work and dodging the 'street boys' is hard enough, but Nadim also has to find ways to support his struggling family.

He finally seems to have a stroke of good luck when he lands in an unexpected situation that promises to turn his fortunes around—but at a price. Should Nadim do the right thing and let his family suffer, or give in to temptation and risk serious, life-changing consequences?

#### 'The Cookie Dealer'

The story follows 17-year-old Riya, whose life is turned upside down when her mother is diagnosed with a serious illness. With the help of her best friend, Riya finds a creative way to earn money so she can pay for private medical treatment.

The thriving enterprise attracts the attention of Riya's new Head of Sixth Form at college, the charming but sinister Mr Phillips. He seems determined to bring her selling to a halt, and she can't figure out why.

When Riya discovers a shocking secret about Mr Phillips, she's desperate to share what she has uncovered. But who will believe her?

# **News from the PE Department**

It has been fantastic to get our Borough and London wide sporting competitions back again. It has given our students a huge range of opportunities in addition to our regular extracurricular programme.

Our year 9/10 boys started the term by winning the Borough Indoor Cricket finals. In addition to that both our year7/8 Boys and Year 7/8 girls teams both came a very close runner up in their competitions. Cricket practice continues at lunchtime in the nets and after school in the Sports hall on a Wednesday.

COLD AWARD

### 'Tall Ships STEM Voyage'



As we welcome return of our second Tall Ships STEM voyage we start to look forward to the next stage of this incredible partnership. This second voyage saw 10 of our year 10 students completing a 5-day STEM focused voyage in the English Channel in very challenging and exhilarating sailing conditions. For the next stage all 20 young sailors will be attending a one-day sailing event at the West reservoir in Hackney. This will bring together the STEM work that has been completed so far and set the scene for the future of the project.

# **More News from the PE Department**

In addition, our girls attended the Girls Basketball competition at the Copper box in the Olympic park. This was a great experience for our young girls who competed in the Key stage 3 competition as year 7 and 8. This is great experience for next year. We also welcome the support of the Tower Hamlets Sports Foundation who will be providing

additional Basketball coaching for our girls starting in November.



In other events we have seen the relaunch of the Tower Hamlets Sporting competitions. The first was the Cross country which saw Mulberry Stepney Green coming a very close second overall, but winning the year 11 competition.



We have also continued our Badminton success. We have one matches against both St Pauls way and LEA schools as we prepare for the Borough championships after Christmas. Our Badminton club with a professional

coach is now fully running on a Thursday from 3-30 till 6pm. It is open to anyone who wants to attend.



This term we were also delighted to see a return of the London Indoor Rowing championships. We took a team of boys and girls to event the at the University of East London and came back with 9 medals which is incredible considering students sporting experience over the last 2 years. As we look forward to 2022 we look forward to our Borough championships and the National championships where we are aiming to take 50 rowers to this incredible event.



Also, in 2022 we are looking to expand our extracurricular programme with residential trips to the Lake district, a third Tall ships voyage and the relaunch of the Duke of Edinburgh's award. This is all in addition to regular our extracurricular programme.

I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday and thank you all for your support as we try to return to as close to normal as possible.

#### Martin Smith - Head of PE Dept.

# **Media Studies News**

DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA STUDIES

A CREATIVE, CONCEPTUAL AND CONTEMPORARY CURRICULUM.

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

After an industrious period of lessons and some Friday Interventions, some of our Year 11 have

#### **Student led learning**

The Departmental focus of student led lessons, included Year 11 to Year 13 teaching of our prestarter: *CARE TO SHARE*. This is an opportunity where students share what goes on in the news: nationally and internationally. The majority of the students in each of the classes enjoyed this opportunity and commented that they were able to feel more confident in front of their peers. Others felt that they were able to think on their feet and develop critical thinking skills too. Excellent effort to all of you.

Other highlights of students taking the lead in their learning included our student assisted sixth form open evening presentations to parents and created impressive products for their NEA.

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

prospective students. **AR-RASHID Abdur-Rahman**, 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.

Equally, **UDDIN Mohammed Miraj** and **AHMED Muscab Abdsamad**, from Year 11Q did excellent work when they supported the Media Department with the Year 6 open evening.



### Minecraft Master: Mahir talks to the Year 13s

As part of their curriculum, our Year 13s study video games and their set product is Minecraft. Mahir Rahman, a Year 10 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. Mahir loved that the game helped him solve problems and helped him with enhancing his skills of logic. The Year 13s enjoyed listening to Mahir and he enjoyed answering a series of questions posed to him. Well done!

#### MEDIA *Influencers* for the Term:

Congratulations to the students below (our Media Influencers) for their outstanding effort and achievement in their Media Studies Course.

Year 13 - AR-RASHID Abdur-Rahman Year 12 - RAHMAN Mohammed Nahidur Year 11 - ISLAM Muhammad Minhaajul Year 10 - YASEEN Mohammed Year 9 - ZAKARIA Mohammed Tanvir Alom

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 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

The Year 13 have completed their Mock 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.

The Year 12 have completed their AP1 exams. They should now start evaluating their performance and act on teachers' advice to improve their mathematics.

#### Key Stage 4

The Year 11 have also completed their Mock 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

Students from Year 10 have completed their AP1 exams. They should now start evaluating their performance and act on teachers' advice to improve their mathematics.

#### Key Stage 3

The Year 7, 8 and 9 have completed their AP1 exams. They should start reviewing the progress they have made and work on advice given to further develop their subject knowledge.

#### **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge**

30 students from years 11, 12 and 13 took part in the UKMT senior Maths Challenge this year. These students have received their certificates as a formal recognition of their achievements. In particular, we would like to congratulate **Minhaj Rahman** in year 13 who achieved gold, the best in year and the best in school award. **Syed**  **Nakib** in year 12 who achieved sliver, the best in year 12 award and **Toahid Elahy** who achieved sliver and the best in year 11 award.

We are proud to announce that **Minhaj Rahman** in year 13 qualified for the senior Kangaroo Challenge.

### **Microsoft Teams**

Students can message their teachers in Microsoft teams should they have any queries



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

#### **Interactive Online Learning**

Independent study is an essential part of academic success and parents/carers



support in delivering this message is much appreciated. 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

# **More News from the Mathematics Faculty**

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



As ever, everyone in the Maths Faculty is working very hard to create success for our students. Please ensure that your son is taking full advantage of all additional support that he is being offered

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

### 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.

Name	Location	Name of club	Time	Day
Mr. Amellal	605	Y11 GCSE Revision	First 30mins of lunch	Tuesday
Mr H Mohan	702	Y12 &Y13 Further Maths Help club	08:00-08:30	Monday & Thursday
Mr A Jallal	607	Y11 GCSE Revision	First 30mins of lunch	Wednesday & Thursday
Mr A Hossain	606	Y7-Y13 Morning HW Club	07:45 -08:30	Wednesday & Thursday
Mr K Choudhury	Library	Y7-Y11 H/w help	13:45-15:45	Friday
Mr F Uddin-Choudhury	703	Y11 Higher Revision	First 30mins of lunch	Tuesday & Thursday
Ms A Tait	603	Y7-Y13 Chess club	First 30mins of lunch	Monday
Mr Ahmed	604	Y12-Y13 Pure Maths HW and Catch up	Last 30min of lunch	Monday and Tuesday

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's Maths education, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Amellal / Mr Jallal. We are available on Thursday, 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 2022. Thank you for all your support.



Mr Amellal - Head of Mathematics.

# **News from the Science Faculty**

We are all really pleased with how hard our students are working this year, particularly in Year 11 and Year 13 as they prepare for their exams. Students and teachers are enjoying catching up on missed practicals from last year. This is what really attracts students to science and makes teaching science so interesting and enjoyable.

KS5 students have had a good start, working well together and displaying good revision habits.

### Sixth Form Open evening.



The sixth form open evening was a great success with the science department stealing the show with their popular rat dissection.



### It's an important time in the school year to celebrate some of the hard working students in Science.

**Mr A. Hussain** would like to celebrate the hard work of the following Yr8 pupils who have got off to a great start:

> Anees, Arman, Mariya, Faisal, Hamzah, Max, Muhtasim, Md Yusuf.

From his Yr12 Biology class: **Afria** and **Ihsaan** who have worked really hard and achieved well.

**Mr. Choudhury** is very proud of the progress of **Rohan Miah 10H** who has greatly improved on his AP grade since year 9. **Yaseen Zoarder 10T** for being an excellent role model and achieving fantastic Ap1 grade in science. **Hamza Nikben 7H** and **Fahim Hossain 7H** for excellent effort and achievement in their AP1 assessment. From his year 12 chemistry class he is really proud of **Afria** and **Shadman** who are very hard working and organised. They are model students at Ks5.

# More News from the Science Faculty....

#### Miss Gill

Starting with my Y8 class- I have been really impressed with their general love for Science and the great questions and contributions they have made to lessons. We have been doing some 'out of the box thinking' where after developing an understanding of series and parallel circuits - they worked on a group homework project to design their own circuit layout for a home.

We made equations more fun and relevant - students collected real time data, to calculate their own speeds either running, walking, hopping, skipping, walking backwards and fairy steps over a set distance – this gave them a better understanding of the speed/ distance/ time equation.

Y10 and Y11 classes continue to study the syllabus and have then been using their homework and some lesson time to develop their independent study skills and embed the practice of constant revision as a part of study not just for the week(s) leading up to an exam.

Mr. S. Hussain would like to celebrate the hard work and achievement of the following pupils this term:

Amin Ahmed 7K, Mohammed Nadim Ahmed 7K, Dawud Ali 7K, Kauthar Ali 7K, Sharif Ali 7K , Valentin 7K, Tyrell Bakare 7K, Rohit Debnath 7K, Tingxu Zhou 7K and Haytham Anwar 7K.



They all received our new science postcard.



#### Mr.Abdul Rakib

**Excellent attainment in Science:** 

Year 9 - Shahinur Rahman (8+ in AP1 Exams)

Year 7 - Sophia Nyla Rahman 7T (Highest score for AP1 in entire year 7 cohort)

#### Lesson Highlights:

Year 9 lesson involving the Circulatory System and the blood vessels. Students learnt about the different blood vessels and how doctors diagnose a cut and severity by looking at the manner which blood flows from a cut. Students were really engaged and appreciated the value of science in medicine.

# **Sixth Form News**

### **6th Form Presidents**





Huge congratulations to Shumaita Alam Misbahul and Abdul Basit Mohammed who will lead our sixth form and school this academic year as Mulberry Stepney Green Presidents. Members of the sixth form prefect team were invited to put themselves forward for the two leadership roles and after giving speeches about why they thought they would make effective Presidents Shumaita and Abdul Basit were appointed. We wish them the very best in their roles and look forward to their leadership.

### SitusAMC business mentor meeting

A group of year 13 students took part in their second SitusAMC business mentor meeting last Thursday. Students met with their mentors for an hour to discuss their UCAS applications and post 18 pathways. The SitusAMC team are really pulling out all the stops to support our students. During this meeting the mentors invited contacts (both from within and outside of the organization) who are in careers which our students are aspiring to join. The guest speakers joined the meetings online from as far as the United States. On the whole another great experience for our students with valuable information being shared which no doubt will further develop our students UCAS and Apprenticeship applications.



### **Virtual Work Experience**

Year 12 cohort took part in a Virtual Work Experience programme in the final week of November. The Virtual Work Experience is an online work experience placement offered by employers to give students and young people the opportunity to experience the world of work remotely without having to travel to the employer's office or base.

The programme focussed on 3 key industry sectors; 1. Law, Business and Finance, 2. Tech and IT and 3. Architecture, Construction and Engineering. The virtual sessions consisted of online activities, live sessions with professionals and project work.

Our students were able to experience the world of work and developed an understanding of reallife tasks which they completed both individually and as a team. They got a unique insight into essential skills and the importance of team work and collaboration.

Every student that took part performed exceptionally well and the positive feedback received from professionals further underlined how talented and exceptional our students are at Stepney Green Sixth Form.

#### **Deputy Young Mayor**

We are delighted to announce that our very own Sixth Form student Mohsen Ali has been elected Deputy Young Mayor for Tower Hamlets. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 the election was hotly contested



with 35 candidates entering the race. Following a rigorous shortlisting process which included speeches, debating, project planning and interviews the initial 35 candidates were trimmed down to 14 candidates.

7,733 young people aged 11 to 17-years-old (Years 7 to 13) who live, study or work in Tower Hamlets were eligible to vote. Voting was done digitally as part of a new process which saw every education setting in Tower Hamlets take part including maintained, faith and free - secondary schools, sixth forms and colleges. Mohsen joins a team of 6 young people in which he will occupy the role of Deputy Young Mayor for 2 years. In his role he will be the voice of young people in the borough, and will work closely with other local young people and services to understand their issues and raise concerns by:

- representing young people locally and nationally,
- getting involved in the Tower Hamlets Youth Council and other local youth forums,
- attending events and organising special projects; and,
- influencing and steering strategic decisions that affect young people in the borough.

We wish Mohsen the very best in his role and have full faith and confidence that he will carry out his duties with dedication and integrity.

# **Global Girl Leading Conference**

In celebration of International Day of the Girl on Monday 11th October 2021, the year 12 students took part in the online Global Girl Leading conference.

The day was hosted by Mulberry School for Girls in partnership with Ursuline High School Wimbledon.

This year's theme as assigned by UNICEF, was

"The best part for me was, Ann Mary Sieghart sharing with us her findings for her books "The authority gap", I have always known in a way that women were taken less seriously than men but hearing facts was validating.

I also enjoyed the different influencers sharing their stories either about the safety online or the inequality they face. I believe it is important to listen and learn from each other and that day was all about that."

Nusaba Kazi 12H – Vice-President of the sixth form.

'Digital Generation, our Generation'.

The session throughout the day enabled our year 12 students to discuss different topics such as the positive and negatives of social media and why women are taken less seriously than men. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and took part in the online and offline activity.

"I loved the segment "Big sister, little sister" where women were giving advice to your little sister about staying safe online. Having myself two younger sisters, I know how important safety online can be. I also can't wait to see Little Amal soon!"

Hibaaq Hussein 12H



"I really enjoyed the panel on "The authority gap" which was by Ann Mary Sieghart. In the offline session, we discussed further why women are taken less seriously than men and it was really interesting to hear everyone views."

Fazil Jannat 12Q – Prefect



"I really enjoyed the panel discussion about the safety on internet as well as the discussion we had offline with my peers. Hearing my peers experience on internet gave me a different insight on the topic.

I loved the panel on "The authority gap" especially when our question was answered by the panellist."

Afria Rahman 12H – Prefect





# **News Shorts**

### LINK Workshops.

It has been a great week for inspiring our student's careers. Each year group took part in a workshop for a day; Year 7 'Money Matters', Year 8 'Options and Careers' and Year 9 'Work Smarter Not Harder'. A range of activities were planned for our young people including face to face question and answer sessions with employees and employers from a range of workplaces. Students were given the opportunity to reflect on their own career paths. We cannot wait for our year 10 workshops planned for January!



# VAWG

#### "Stop Male Violence Against Women's day"

To mark 'Stop Male Violence Against Women's day' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of November, teachers and prefects organised a fundraiser for White Ribbon. The week was full of fun fundraising activities such as bake sale and penalty shoot out. £232 have been raised and assemblies were delivered by the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Prefect and the

Head-boy to raise awareness and take a stand against violence to Women.

## **Bank of England Visit**

An employee from the Bank of England came to visit our school. He visited all of our year 11 students where he spoke about what the Bank of England's crucial role is in our country and the range of career pathways on offer. He discussed his own personal career and gave student an insight into the Bank and what actually happens inside! Our Year 8 Mathematicians were also given a tailored group session where students were able to ask as many questions that they want. It was certainly inspiring for us!



# White Ribbon Week

### White Ribbon Week

Girls Mauy Thai kickboxing self-defence class led by Miss Abed and Mrs Bajda that took place with Y7 and Y8 girls, they had a blast! and were really engaged.



# STEM launch:

"A great new opportunity for our students to be a part of. The STEM academy was launched and promoted during our Year 10 and 12 assemblies, inviting applications for 2021-22 cohort. Our students were quick to apply and take advantage, to be a part of Mercedes-Benz Grand prix team and work alongside Lewis Hamilton. A huge thank you to Dr Stuart Mundy, for taking the time to present the successes of the STEM Academy scholars and share the process of application.



# Jack Petchey Winners 2020 - 21



A group of our winners from 2020 - 21 line up with the Headteacher.

**Hafizur Rahman** 7K - Received the most nominations in this year group from staff and students who have noticed how much effort he has been putting in. As a result he has made great progress in a short amount of time.

**Mohammed Shahinur Rahman** 8K - Received the most nominations in this year group from staff and students who have said how he is a smart and talented individual who has excellent manners, very articulate and remains calm under pressure. He supports his fellow students with both class and homework. He has been referred to as a role model a number of times by his peers.

**Rupok Dhali** 9T - Kind, polite, friendly and helping recent arrivals to settle in school. A focused student who is very passionate and polite to both staff and peers. He really goes out of his way to support new students who have recently come to the UK, making the transition for them less daunting and enjoyable.

**Afzal Rahman** – pleasant and friendly student who is engaged with his studies. His geography teachers in particular are very impressed with how engaged he is in lessons. He takes part and supports other students. Always bringing up discussion points from what he has learnt by himself.

**Abdul Rajjak Sabbir** 10H - for the Jack Petchey award for being conscientious with his work, organised and a role model for his peers. He is also a very polite and well-mannered student.

**Ibrahim Kalam** 11M Top student who has made excellent progress and on course to achieve some of the highest grades for his GCSE. He has really improved over the last 2 years which has been more of a challenge due to the lockdowns. The main words used to describe him by his peers are: Determined, Respectful, Motivated and hard working.

**Mohammed Abdul Basit** 12M - Nominated by his peers for being a helpful, coping with adversity, doing community work especially during the lockdown. The most common word to describe him by his peers was "role model".

**Tasnim Omar Nasif** 13M - When Tasnim joined us he was a very shy and quiet boy who always had his head buried in books. He loves to read. Students and all staff know how much he loves to read books. Over the years he has grown into a young confident man who his peers and teachers adore. He is one of the politest and friendly students you will come across and his transformation over the years has been noticed by everyone. He is on course to achieve excellent grades with his A levels. He did not have the best of starts to education in the UK but he has never given up and everyone is extremely proud of him.

School Staff Leader Award - Mr Samiul Hussain

6th form Staff Leader Award - Mr Abdul Rakib

