



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Please find below some important information and updates from the school, which I would encourage you to read.

School newsletter

Ms Taylor and the student leadership team have produced a special edition of our school newsletter, The Broadcast. It is a fantastic publication, which really captures the spirit of the school. I hope you will enjoy reading it; you can find it on our website along with previous editions of the newsletter:

<http://mulberryutc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/MUTC-News-5.pdf>

Individual tuition

Individual tuition will start for the selected students after half term. If your son or daughter has been selected for this programme, you should have received a letter about this. Students should check Microsoft Teams for further details. For any questions regarding individual tuition, please email Ms Christofides, Assistant Principal - rchristofides@mulberryschoolstrust.org.

Announcement on Monday 22nd February

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister may be making an announcement on **Monday 22nd February** about what will happen in relation to lockdown and the re-opening of schools. I will write to you again once the announcement has been made, to advise you about what will be happening over the next few weeks.

Examination replacements

We are also expecting an announcement on 22nd February about what the government are going to do to replace GCSE and A Level examinations in the summer. I will write to you to provide you with all of the details once these have been given to us.

Remote learning

Students continue to work well online and attendance to remote lessons has been excellent. We are keen to ensure that students engage fully with their lessons and also take time away from the screen where possible. For that reason, we are encouraging teachers to set work for students to complete over the half term break that does not always require them to use the computer.

Emergency school

Our emergency school continues every day Monday-Friday during term time. If there are any students who are finding it difficult to learn remotely and would like to join the emergency school, please let us know - info@mulberryutc.org.

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Free School Meals

All families eligible for free school meals should now be receiving vouchers from Edenred. Families should also receive through the post, during half term, the additional vouchers issued by Tower Hamlets local authority. Please let us know on Monday 22nd February if you have not received these additional vouchers.

February half term break

The school building will be closed to students for the half term break between Monday 15th and Friday 19th February. We would like to encourage students to spend some time away from their screens during half term, to support their wellbeing.

Internal assessments

A reminder that students in Year 11 and Year 13 will have internal assessments online during w/c 22nd February and w/c 1st March. These internal assessments will not determine students' final grades in their GCSE and A-level qualifications. They are, however, an important indication for teachers of the progress which students are making towards the completion of their courses.

Academic Review Day

The school will hold an academic review day on Thursday 25th March. On this day, normal lessons will not place. Instead, each parent will have an appointment for a meeting with the school to discuss the progress of their son or daughter. Appointments will take place remotely and times will be given out after the half term break. A separate letter will be sent to you by Ms Christofides

Thank you for all your continued support during this time. I am extremely proud of the way in which students and staff have been able to teach and learn effectively online. As well as our teachers and staff being brilliant at delivering lessons to students remotely, they have also made it a priority to support students' welfare and to give them additional support when needed.

We return after the half term break on **Monday 22nd February** at the normal time for both remote learning and for emergency school.

I hope that you and your families are keeping well and staying safe, and I wish you all a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

Principal