



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school. As students in exam groups prepare for their final assessments, we are also working hard to plan a programme of activities for Year 10 and Year 12 students for the second half of this term, to ensure they have a chance to experience some trips, visits and other events.

### **Eid closure day**

The school will be closed on either Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May for Eid at Fitr. This closure day is built into the organisation of the school's academic year, as a flexible holiday day for students and staff. The exact date of Eid will not be known until the day before. As a result, the procedure at Mulberry UTC for announcing the Eid closure will be as follows:

- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will monitor announcements on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- If Eid is announced for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, we will immediately contact parents via text message and students via email, to inform them that the school will be closed the next day.
- On the day of Eid closure, the school building will be completely closed to students and staff.
- If Eid is not announced for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, it is likely to fall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We will therefore continue to closely monitor announcements and will text and email in the same way as soon as the closure is confirmed.
- The school will be open as normal the day after Eid; all students are expected to attend as normal on this day.

### **May Day bank holiday**

Please can we remind students and parents that the school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the May Bank Holiday. The school building will be completely closed on this day and students will not be able to enter. We would encourage Year 11 and Year 13 students to use this time to continue to revise and prepare for their final assessments, or to complete essential pieces of coursework.



### **Free School Meals vouchers**

Tower Hamlets local authority have informed us that they will be providing some additional free school meals vouchers for eligible families over the May half term break. Those families who are eligible will be contacted directly with more information about this nearer the time.

### **Lateral Flow Device testing**

Please can we encourage families to continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing. Everyone within the school community has been asked to take part in this testing programme, to help minimise asymptomatic transmission of the virus. We recommend that students test on Wednesdays and Sundays. Test results must be reported to NHS Test and Trace and also to the school, via the link that has been sent to you by Ms Brian. Any positive tests should be reported immediately by email to the school – [info@mulberryutc.org](mailto:info@mulberryutc.org).

### **Covid-19**

If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test, please notify the school immediately using the email address [info@mulberryutc.org](mailto:info@mulberryutc.org). Your email must include your child's name, tutor group and a copy of the test result. If your child receives a negative test result, you do not need to notify the school.

Please go on to the Covid-19 section of our website for up to date guidance from the Department for Education, Public Health England and the school: <http://mulberryutc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>

### **Masks and face-coverings**

All students must continue to wear masks in school, both in corridors and in classrooms. Laminated passes are available from the pastoral team for students who are exempt.

Students must not wear masks under their noses or under their chins, as this is unhygienic and can lead to the further spread of infection. Students must bring their own masks to school every day. Any student who has forgotten their mask or lost it on the way to school must immediately speak to a member of the pastoral team when they arrive.



### **Uniform and dress code**

All students must wear correct uniform and dress code at all times. Detailed information about the school's uniform and dress code is available on the website: <http://mulberryutc.org/dress-code/>.

- Students are not permitted to wear trainers, sandals or high-heeled shoes
- Students must not wear jeans, hoodies, hats or caps within the school building
- Students must not wear coats or scarves (apart from headscarves worn for religious or cultural reasons)
- Students are not permitted to use mobile phones or headphones inside the school building

### **Summer of Togetherness**

The pastoral team are in the process of planning an exciting programme of activities and events for students during the second half of the summer term. We are very much looking forward to having an opportunity to focus on creating a sense of togetherness, after the challenges that have been faced by our school community during the last year. More information about this will be sent to you shortly.

### **End of lessons for Year 11 and Year 13 students**

The final day of lessons for most students in Year 11 and Year 13 will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. During w/c 21<sup>st</sup> May, Year 11 and Year 13 students will follow an amended timetable focused on completing final assessments. This timetable will be shared with parents in advance, so that you know exactly when students are expected to attend school. Following the half term break, students in Year 10 and Year 12 will return to normal lessons on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

**Principal**

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