



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well during this time. I am writing with some updates and some information about things that are happening within the school at the current time.

End of courses for Year 11, Year 13 and Year 12 Level 2 students

The final day of lessons for most students in Year 11 and Year 13, and Year 12 Level 2 students, will be Friday 28th May. During w/c 21st May, students in these groups will follow an amended timetable focused on completing final assessments. During this time, graduation celebrations will also be held for students who are completing their courses, and a trip to Thorpe Park will take place for Year 11 on Wednesday 26th May. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this – info@mulberryutc.org

Provision for Year 11, Year 13 and Year 12 Level 2 students during June and July

In a 'normal' year, students in Year 11, Year 12 Level 2 and Year 13 would be taking exams in the summer term, and would not return to school after those exams. Owing to the pandemic, students in these year groups are not taking exams this year. They have also experienced a huge number of challenges during the last year, as a result of the pandemic.

To make sure that students in these year groups have the opportunity to take part in activities they have missed out on during the pandemic, Mulberry UTC will run a programme of activities during the second half of the summer term. This will include face to face and online activities:

- Workshops about student finance, managing money and budgeting
- Sessions preparing students for college and/or university
- University visits and/or taster sessions
- Employer visits and/or taster sessions

The school has put together a programme of activities for students in these year groups during this time, focused on the areas above. The timetable will be sent to you next week, with sign-up links for students so that they can choose to attend the sessions most relevant for them.



Wearing of face-masks in school

This is a reminder that we are continuing to ask students and staff to wear face-masks in school, both in corridors and in classrooms. This is a precaution we have decided to take within Mulberry Schools Trust, owing to the presence of new variants and rising infection rates within the local area. We will review the situation again at the end of May, in light of any further changes to government guidance.

Uniform and dress code

Please remind students that they 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

Free School Meals vouchers

Tower Hamlets local authority 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 shortly.

Lateral Flow Device testing

Please can we encourage families to continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

Principal