



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school during this academic year. Please find below some updates about the work of the school and plans for the summer, including Summer School.

### **University of Sunderland in London partnership**

We were delighted this week to host a celebration event for the launch of a partnership between Mulberry Schools Trust and the University of Sunderland in London. This will provide opportunities for students, staff and parents from schools within the Trust to take part in a range of additional events, visits and courses. The University of Sunderland campus in Canary Wharf is a vibrant, energetic place where students achieve great things; we are very much looking forward to working more closely with them over the next year.

### **Elections to the student leadership team**

I was delighted to see so many students applying to be members of the student leadership team, as House Captains, Vice Captains and Peer Mentors. Interviews for these roles are currently taking place and I am confident that we will make some excellent appointments. The student leadership team have a key role as ambassadors for the school, representatives for their peers and role models for other students. We are extremely proud to have such a thriving student leadership programme at Mulberry UTC and are looking forward to the new team taking on their roles and starting to make a positive impact on the school.

### **Year 10 Thorpe Park trip**

A very successful reward trip was held for Year 10 students on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Students and staff had a fun day and it was an extremely positive experience for everyone involved.

### **Student attendance**

Please can we remind parents that it is essential for students to attend school every day because good attendance has a direct impact on student progress and attainment. The school expects at least 96% attendance from students in all year groups, including the Sixth Form. Unfortunately, some Year 10 students were absent from school the day after the Thorpe Park trip as a result of being tired. This is not acceptable; it is a legal requirement for students in Year 10 and Year 11 to attend school every day and students who miss school without a good reason will not be allowed to attend future trips.

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### **Stubbers trip**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, the student leadership team will go on a day trip to the Stubbers outdoor activity centre. This will be an opportunity for those students who are members of the student leadership team to take part in team-building activities and to develop their cooperation and communication skills. This will involve students in Year 10 and Year 12; those students who are invited have been given a letter by their Heads of House.

### **End of the academic year**

The last day of school for students will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. School will finish on this day at 12.40pm, at the end of period 4. Year 10 and Year 12 students will have celebration assemblies in the morning, before collecting their lunches and travelling home. Students will be provided with work to complete during the summer via Teams. If any students do not have access to a laptop in order to complete this work, they must speak to a member of staff before the holidays to ensure they can be loaned one during this time.

### **Collection of exam results**

Students in Year 13 will collect exam results on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Students in Year 11, and Level 2 students doing resit GCSEs, will collect results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Appeals following exam results**

Details about the appeals process, for any students who are not happy with their grades, will be sent directly to students and parents in advance of students receiving their results in August.

### **Year 12 Summer School**

Year 12 Summer School will take place in w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August and will focus on supporting students taking A-level subjects, since this is where teachers have identified the most significant gaps in learning. The timetable for Summer School sessions and invitation to sign up will be sent out to you by Ms Brian, Senior Vice Principal.



### Wearing of face-masks in school

Within the Mulberry Schools Trust, we are continuing to ask students and staff to wear face-masks in school, both in corridors and in classrooms. This additional safety measure has been retained because of concern about the Delta variant. Given the current situation, which has seen rising numbers of cases in schools across the country, we do not intend to change our approach to the wearing of face-masks before the summer holiday. Please can we ask parents and carers to remind students of the importance of bringing face-masks to school with them and wearing them at all times around the school building. We believe it is in the best interests of all members of our school community for this measure to remain in place at this time.

### 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 school's website.

- 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

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support for the school, which is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent  
**Principal**