Mulberry Adult Learning Forum
During the Spring term we organised a course which enabled us to create an adult learning forum for the new centre. This course helped the ten learners to understand their responsibilities and different roles as members of a forum. The first meeting will take place in September to look at different adult learning and community projects that they can work on with Sabina.

Coffee Morning at the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre
We have continued with our coffee mornings where parents and members of the community share their views during informal sessions, discussing various topics.

The Future
Please refer to the enrolment form for future classes at the new Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre. Please complete the enclosed enrolment form if you would like to join our classes. Forms should be returned to Mulberry School main reception as soon as possible.

Friends and members from the community who wish to attend classes can call or email Sabina for enrolment forms.

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Mulberry School for Girls is committed to working with parents and the local community. We recognise how important you are in the life of the school and the success of our students.

The purpose of our newsletter is to let you know about the community activities which took place at Mulberry School between April and July 2014 and to give you information regarding the adult classes taking place from September 2014.

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
This Summer our adult learners visited the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park - more inside.
Trips

On Thursday 8th May 5.30 – 8.30pm Sabina with Shanaz Begum and Tasnim Khanom from the Women’s Education team took 5 parents to Queen Mary University organised by London Citizens, where they took part in a discussion with the Tower Hamlets Mayor and Councillors. They were very impressed with the discussions that took place enabling our parents to understand some of the problems that the local community experiences. They listened to some of the positive actions to be taken in order to improve some of these problems.

On Wednesday 7th May Sabina Khan together with Shahanaz Chowdhury took a group of parents to the Mariam Centre next to the Mosque where they listened to a talk on Emotional Abuse and Neglect. It was an interesting experience and made the parents aware of the support available for families in Tower Hamlets.

On Tuesday 24th June Sabina Khan took a group of eight adult learners to the Osmani Centre for a seminar on Protecting Families. This highlighted the challenges faced by families and young people in Tower Hamlets today. Topics discussed included family dynamics, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence and sexual exploitation. The day ended with a hot delicious meal giving the parents an opportunity to talk with the speakers.

Workshops

Year 6 Transition: New Year 7

During June, the New Year 7 parents attended sessions over a week where they were given important information regarding Mulberry School. Ms Spellman, as Year 7 Learning Co-ordinator, went through the general expectations of their daughters while at Mulberry, focusing on curriculum, homework and behaviour. This included what Mulberry has to offer such as Out of Hours Learning, Breakfast Club and Adult Learning for parents. The parents found this extremely useful and felt more confident and excited about their daughters starting at Mulberry in September.

School Specialism Team

Sabina has been supporting Jess Boyd from Music by arranging a Story-Telling coffee morning for parents who are ex - Mulberry students. They shared school experiences which will eventually become part of the 50th Anniversary Mulberry School celebrations. Some parents have volunteered to be part of the Community Opera to take place in November. The group have been meeting regularly for rehearsals.

If any Mulberry Alumni are still interested and would like to be involved with the 50th Anniversary celebrations, please contact Shanaz Begum using the school telephone number.

Adult Learning Activities

We have held the following adult learning classes: Literacy, ICT, maths and men’s badminton. We have completed two accredited Child Care level 2 courses as well as two TA courses levels 2 and 3. Apart from these, other successful classes have been Zumba running every Thursday after school, where our mothers and members from the community danced into fitness and two Keep Fit and one Aerobics classes during the day, where the adult learners use the fitness suite. We have also completed another accredited ten weeks Volunteering in Your Child’s School course with work experience at Mulberry.

Volunteering in Schools Awards

On Monday 7th July 2014 the Parental Engagement team held their end of year celebration at the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre. Our Volunteer in Your School parents attended to receive their certificates. The event marked the achievements of adult learners across Tower Hamlets Schools and recognised that learning is a lifelong journey. Jill McGinley, Head of Parent and Family Support Services and her team were all present to congratulate and witness the successes of many parents. Certificates were given out by Anne Canning, Head of Learning and Achievement Services in Tower Hamlets.