The Future

The following Adult Learning classes will continue in the New Year week beginning 4th January 2011:

- Keep Fit
- ICT for Mothers
- Yoga
- Men’s Badminton
- Men’s Football
- Cake Decorating
- Hair and Beauty
- ICT for Men

All the courses will run at Mulberry. We will also offer numeracy at St. Paul’s Primary school for parents who would like to develop their skills in Maths.

The Parent Group

Meetings take place once per term but more frequently when issues arise such as the Academy status and fundraising for the new building. Please join us at the next parents meeting on Thursday 24th March at 10am.

Fundraising

The Parents and girls have raised over £500 so far for the new building. Thank you to all.

New Courses

Please complete the enclosed enrolment form if you would like to join any of the above courses. Forms should be returned to Mulberry School main reception as soon as possible.

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Celebrating Mulberry’s Success

In July 2010 Ofsted arrived at Mulberry and spent 2 days at the school. The outcome of this was a joy to all as the school was judged to be outstanding. We are delighted with this and the Community team is particularly pleased because the inspectors praised Mulberry girls and their parents. They said “Girls develop into exceptionally confident, articulate young women who strive for the highest possible standards in all that they do. Key to this excellence is the way families and the local community are involved in the education provided at Mulberry.” They have praised the way the Community is involved in the school saying that “Community cohesion is outstanding”. We are very proud of the way our local community supports Mulberry and proud of our parents. Well done everyone.

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 this newsletter is to let you know about the Community activities which took place at Mulberry School between September and December 2010 and to give you information regarding the adult classes taking place from January 2011.
Activities and Information Sessions

**Year 7 Transition Meeting**
During September our Year 7 parents were invited to attend a meeting where they were given an opportunity to ask questions concerning their daughter’s education. The session was led by Sinead Spellman, Year Learning Coordinator for Year 7. We discussed the school day, student organisation and who parents can contact at school.

**Accessing Student Information Online**
On 3rd December Year 7 parents were invited to come to learn how to use the Learning Gateway website. The purpose of the website is that parents can access their daughter’s achievement data from home and can ensure that they are kept informed about their progress. Further sessions will be offered from January for the parents of students in all year groups.

**Year 10 GCSE**
Parents of Year 10 students were invited to a meeting in order to introduce them to the demands of the various GCSE courses that their daughters are following.

**Year 11 GCSE English Intervention**
The English department invited 60 parents to discuss how their daughters will benefit by attending intervention sessions. We look forward to celebrating the Year 11 students’ success in English.

**Year 10 Trips**
This September 25 of our parents, together with Sabina Khan, went to Shadwell Basin where they took part in kayaking and canoeing. Although this was a new and exciting experience for the parents, they loved it. It was an opportunity for parents to do something challenging that they had never done before. Most of our parents learnt the skills necessary quickly and developed their confidence in the water. This experience also enabled them to increase their social, interpersonal and their team building skills. Many of the mothers intend to return with their family. If you are interested in taking part in water sports during the summer term please contact Sabina.

A number of other trips with our parents took place for the “Out and About” Booklet which we are putting together in order to inform and guide parents of all the different activities they can undertake with their families. Some of the trips involved going bowling, a visit to the spa and Kew Gardens in West London.

**Speakeasy**
This eight week accredited course enabled parents to discuss sensitive issues regarding relationships and other teenage problems. The mothers felt supported and guided in making decisions and dealing with awkward situations both at home and at school.

**Parenting Course**
We recognise that being a parent to teenagers can have its ups and downs. Joining a parenting course is an excellent way of sharing ideas and experiences and developing relationships with other parents. Mulberry runs the Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities parenting course. The new course starts on Wednesday 26th January 2011. If you are interested please speak to Sabina Khan at Mulberry main reception.

**Parent Volunteers at Mulberry**
The parents who completed the ten week accredited course “Volunteering in your Child’s School” last year have returned this Autumn to take part in more volunteering. They have participated in work experience with three different faculties – English, Maths and Modern Foreign Languages. The six mothers feel that their confidence has grown. They have gained skills in dealing with pupils in the classroom and learning about the curriculum. Above all they have enjoyed being part of Mulberry, seeing how their daughters learn. These parents have become invaluable to the school as they take part in a number of different activities either as interpreters or as guides on trips. The mothers become motivated to further develop their skills and we hope to support them into employment. There will be a new course for those interested starting in January. Please contact Sabina Khan for more information.