Adult Learning Activities
We have held the following adult learning classes this term:
A ten week accredited course in Volunteering in your Child's school, ICT for men, cake decorating, ESOL, ICT for mothers, Maths for beginners, yoga, keep fit, jewellery making, men's badminton and hair and beauty for mothers and daughters. We have had a 13 week accredited course on Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities.

Mulberry Parent Group
The parent support group have continued to meet as a consultation forum where parents are able to provide feedback on school activities. The group has discussed a variety of issues ranging from PSHE, the new building development and the ongoing home school communications.

Celebrations
In April 2011 Mulberry together with Shapla, Bigland Green and St Paul's primary schools, celebrated the three year collaboration with a bang! Parents, children, Family Learning and Parental Engagement team, teachers and senior leaders gathered at Mulberry to recognise the wonderful work that has taken place over the last three years. Parents from all four schools received certificates and spoke of the confidence that the adult classes, the trips and the work-shops have given them.

Excellence in Cities
The purpose of our newsletter is to let you know about the Community activities which took place at Mulberry School between January and March 2011 and to give you information regarding the adult classes taking place from April 2011.

Back to Work Fair
With the help of the Family learning and Parental Engagement team we had our first "Back to Work" fair for parents and the local community on Wednesday 16th February. It was an extremely successful event with more than twenty employers represented. The parents were able to receive guidance and advice from the numerous displays on the different steps to get into work.

The Future
Please refer to the Enrolment form for new classes. Please complete the enclosed enrolment form if you would like to join. Forms should be returned to Mulberry School main reception as soon as possible.

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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.

Look out for New Courses
There will be a new Level 1 Childcare course starting 10th June; a Hair, Beauty and Skincare class and a Fruit Carving class both starting in May after school.

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Year 11 Pupils with Parents receiving their Mock Exam Results
Once again, this January, Year 11 students, were invited to attend special meetings with their parents in order to receive their Mock results. 160 parents/carers of Year 11 students attended and received tips on how to support their daughters’ work and improve their GCSE grades in the summer exams. Then both parents and daughters completed an action plan about what they were going to do in order to attain their target grades in the GCSE exams.

Year 9 Options
A very successful number of meetings were held for the Year 9 parents during January 2011. Parents were invited to come to information sessions about choosing GCSE options in order to help their daughters make informed decisions and choices. Ms Lee was able to explain the options process and answer key questions clarifying any misconceptions. Parents found this to be a very useful experience; one said that this was the first time she had understood what short and long courses were. The Careers Advisor, Brian Eastty, also attended in order to explain the different career paths the girls can take.

Trips

This term Sabina together with the parents made a number of trips for the “Out and About” booklet out soon to guide parents. They visited the Tower of London, London Spa at York Hall, the Embankment and the National Portrait gallery.

Year 8 Maths Intervention
During the spring term, Ms Gregory from the Maths department invited Year 8 parents with their daughters to attend special Maths meetings. The parents were given information regarding their daughters’ levels and the kind of intervention necessary for them to improve. It was extremely useful and the parents promised to keep a check on the girls’ homework.

Women Of the World
Sabina with two of our mothers, Aysha and Helena, attended the WOW festival attended by women in the arts. Our mothers spoke about the way in which Mulberry provides opportunities for women in the community to use their artistic talent and develop it further.

There was also a trip to the Piccadilly theatre to see Grease. It was enjoyed by all and the mothers left in high spirits full of songs. Sabina with a few mothers ended the evening with a delicious meal in a restaurant near the theatre.