Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers

The purpose of our newsletter is twofold: 1) to let you know about the community activities which took place at Mulberry School between September and December 2014; and 2) to give you information regarding the adult classes taking place from January 2015.

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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.

Women's Education Conference

On Friday 10th October Penny Constantinou and Sabina Khan together with 10 of our adult learners attended the 50th Anniversary Women's Education Conference at Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster.

On Wednesday 19th November 2014 a group of professionals from the NHS visited the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre and delivered an engaging and informative presentation about mental health. There were approximately 40 women at the event who were encouraged to ask questions and discuss various issues around the topic. Our adult learners present discussed different views about Mental Health, learnt to watch out for particular signs, and not to be ashamed about depression. They were also informed where to get further information and support. It was a huge success and our special thanks go to the NHS specialists who led the event at the MBGC.

Coffee Morning

During our monthly coffee morning sessions we have had Sandy O’Meally present information on the Mulberry Behaviour Policy. The parents had an opportunity to put their views forward after a healthy discussion. Future coffee mornings are open to all so please show your interest by completing the Enrolment form in order to attend.

Future Classes

The Adult Learning classes will continue in the New Year. 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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Mental Wellbeing Workshop

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Women’s Education Conference

The conference celebrated fifty years of pioneering women’s education at Mulberry School emphasising young women’s passion and possibilities that lie ahead for them. There they heard from a range of different female panel speakers and participated in debate discussions on the power of female role models. Following the conference, there was a reception in the Peers’ Dining Room at the House of Lords, hosted by Lord Bates. The adult learners were extremely impressed with the high standard of discussions and felt grateful that Mulberry provides so many positive opportunities for their daughters.

Parents’ Trip to the London Muslim Centre

Sotez Chowdhury from London’s Citizens delivered a Leadership training course to a group of parents who attended with Sabina Khan at the London Muslim Centre 13th and 14th October. This was a culturally mixed event where people came from different boroughs and diverse organisations. The training was about learning how to take initiatives in order with Sabina Khan at the London Muslim Centre 13th and 14th October. This was a culturally mixed event where people came from different boroughs and diverse organisations. The training was about learning how to take initiatives in order to make changes in their own borough for their community with role-play and presentations.

Adult Learners Trip to the Maryam Centre

On Tuesday 25th November Sabina Khan took a group of adult learners to the Maryam Centre for a seminar on Troubled Young Men. This was an opportunity to listen to various specialist professionals talk about young people who are harmed or who might cause harm to others. The aim was to inform parents how to support individuals get back on the ‘right track’. Everybody left with ideas on taking ownership of duties and information on alternative environments.

Bag Decorating Class with New Year 7 Parents

Year 7 parents were invited to attend an Arts and Crafts class in October 2014. This was a very successful and rather creative way of meeting other new parents helping to create stronger home-school links whilst learning new skills.

Women’s Cinema

Sabina has been working with the School Specialism team in planning and delivering a Women’s Cinema event to our parents with their daughters, adult learners and members of the wider community from our cluster group. On 9th October they watched a documentary called Wonder Woman: the Untold Story of American Superheroines in MBGC which explored representations of women in American society from the 1940s to the present day with a discussion afterwards led by Rebecca Brand a film producer. They found this a very interesting and worthwhile experience as it became a platform for parents and daughters to share their views.

Year 7 Transition

The partnership between parents and Mulberry School for Girls is of paramount importance therefore during the autumn term Sabina Khan supported Sue Rider and Sinead Spellman for the Year 6 Open Day events on 22nd, 23rd, 24th, during the day and 25th September in the evening. Penny Constantinou also undertook another Open Day on 17th October for those parents who were unable to attend earlier. The feedback was very positive saying that everything was very well organised and parents got a lot out of the small groups going round. We also helped a special workshop with Sinead Spellman, the Year 7 Learning Co-ordinator, where New Year 7 parents were invited to attend. The following issues were addressed: communicating with school, how the school day runs, homework, after school clubs, G&T and SEN provision, attendance, punctuality and the curriculum. Parents felt this was a very informative session with great opportunities to ask questions.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

During August Sabina Khan together with some parents spent a few days in Edinburgh supporting the Mulberry Theatre Company who performed their new play, The Domino Effect, at the Surgeon’s Hall. The successful performance drew favourable reviews from critics and our parents who thought the play was amazing especially because the girls undertook all aspects of the production. While at Edinburgh, the parents went on a city tour widening their knowledge of Scottish culture. The trip was a great success and enjoyed by all.