Students have been involved in a huge range of activities outside the classroom over the last two weeks. We are excited to welcome to the school our new Acting Headteacher Ms A Ward.

Youth Conference 20th Anniversary!

On 24th February, Mulberry students hosted the 20th anniversary Youth Conference. This award-winning, annual conference brings Sixth Form students together from across the UK to explore issues of common concern.

Over the last two months, the student leadership committee have met regularly to plan the event. They set the conference theme as “Reimagining Equalities in a Post-pandemic world” and invited speakers, planned discussion groups and workshops for visiting students.

On the day, we had the privilege of hosting an inspirational array of speakers including Mandu Reid- the ground breaking first Black, female leader of a UK political party; Justin Audibert - Creative Director of the Unicorn Theatre, the ‘People’s Poet’ David Neita and many more.

13 schools and more than 250 students came together to share their unique perspectives and to consider ways they could be agents of change. It was a privilege to be in the presence of so many young leaders. This powerful day was the perfect way to mark the 20 years of youth activism that the conference has supported.

Well done also to the large team of Year 12 students who organised and led an incredibly successful 20th anniversary Youth Conference, and thank you to our Equalities Group for their organisation of our first celebration of International Mother Languages Day. You can find details and photos from all events below.

A large group of students from several year groups participated in the most recent Trust sports tournament, competing against Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, Mulberry Stepney Green and Mulberry UTC in several competitive games of dodgeball. Mulberry School for Girls will host the next tournament at the start of the summer term, which students have already started to organise.

We are wishing luck to Year 12 students who are through to the final round of the Sheriff’s Challenge competition, which tests students on their public speaking skills; they will compete against three other schools next week in Court 1 at the Old Bailey.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing and welcoming many parents and carers to the school next Friday for Academic Review Day.

Ms A Ward
Acting Headteacher

Ms M Davies
Director of Global Learning
On Friday 25th February, we held our first ever graduation from Mulberry STEM Academy, an academy that has been powered by the partnership between Mulberry Schools Trust and Mercedes Grand Prix Limited. Students, teachers, Headteachers, parents, Governors and Trustees from across the Trust and some VIP guests joined the celebration to recognise the work and achievements of the students. Sir Lewis Hamilton also joined the celebration virtually, he congratulated the students and spoke of the moments he spent with our students at work experience last summer. Sir Lewis Hamilton is extremely proud of our students and so are we! From Mulberry School for Girls, four students were awarded special awards; Mehtaab Begum in Year 13 for her passion, Aisha Noor in Year 13 for her determination, Semmin Sanee and Lana Mulholland for their consistent positive attitude and for working collaboratively with other students and staff across the trust. We wish all our STEM Scholars the very best of luck with their examinations and for the next chapter in their journey of pursuing their ambitions and aspirations in STEM.

The first half of spring term has seen a huge number of achievements from the Year 7 pupils. A massive success has been the student led football tournament organised by two Year 7 pupils who took inspiration from the Trust wide badminton tournament that they attended. The football tournament saw all Year 7 forms compete with one another to see which form had the winning team. After a nail-biting 2 weeks of matches 7E came out undefeated and were crowned Year 7 football tournament winners.

Year 7 have continued to see great success with school wide achievement points, gaining the highest number of achievement points in the school (5088 achievement points). Within the last term Year 7 have focused on building resilience. Ensuring that when they are faced with adversity or setbacks they are able to bounce back, without failure affecting their self-belief. In each assembly students have discussed different setbacks that they have faced and ways in which they have shown resilience time and time again. As we move on to the next term resilience will continue to be a focus as well as thinking about how to make the best possible progress in learning and get involved in opportunities outside the classroom.
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Weekly whole school attendance update

The bar graph shows the whole school weekly attendance from Monday 7th February to Friday 11th February 2022.

A huge well done to our Year 7s for achieving the highest attendance that week, Year 11 were very close!

Let’s see which year is the highest next week!

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Sixth Form News

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