



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well, especially given the troubling scenes unfolding over parts of Eastern Europe these last few weeks.

Staff at Mulberry UTC continue to provide a safe and high quality learning environment, so students can focus on their learning and think positively about their future.

Firstly, I would like to recognise all of the students who have sat mock exams over the last fortnight. They have operated with professionalism and have really worked hard to demonstrate their learning and deserve to see good results.

I have also been really proud of our student leaders this week, many of whom warmly welcomed a group of Year 9 students from Mulberry School for Girls who joined us for a Taster Day yesterday.

Staff and students also recognised World Book Day this week through a variety of activities connected to a love of reading. Staff anonymously provided images of their book shelves and students enjoyed guessing which shelf belonged to who in our 'shelfie' activity!

Next week there are two particularly important events running onsite: on Tuesday we are holding a Careers Festival where we will welcome renowned media and broadcast companies onsite including ITV, BBC, Amazon etc; students will network with industry professionals to develop connections in industry. On Thursday we have our second Open Evening and Careers Fair of the year, a number of universities and employers will be present, along with a showcase of all of our curriculum areas and I was delighted to hear that so many students have volunteered to support in chaperoning visitors or speaking about their studies.

Year 10 Performing Arts students will attend the National Theatre's adaptation of A Small Island on Thursday and students are also visiting V&A East and the University of East London as part of the East Careers Week in the Olympic Village on Friday.

Government Update on Covid-19

From 24th February 2022 the legal requirement to self-isolate ends. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 then they are advised to stay at home for at least 5 full days and follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.



Students may still choose to wear a face covering throughout the building and will still be advised to wash their hands regularly and follow 'catch it, bin it, kill it' guidance.

Furthermore, in line with the new guidance, whilst we will not be providing students with test kits for regular testing, we will be able to provide test kits to support any students who have tested positive, in ending their self-isolation early. We will no longer be conducting any onsite asymptomatic testing, unless advised by the local Director of Public Health.

Early Finish on Thursday 10th March

Owing to the Open Evening taking place 4:30-6:30pm on Thursday, lessons will end at 3pm and students will be dismissed at this time.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Brian
Acting Principal