

Mulberry UTC
Where learning works



PROSPECTUS



**A University Technical College
for 14-19 year olds**



“This school gives us so many opportunities. The different specialisms and the many different industries we work with, give us more possibilities for the future.”

Year 10 student

Employer partnerships

At Mulberry UTC, partnerships with employers and universities are closely linked with the curriculum, so that students have regular opportunities to apply their learning in practical contexts and to gain insight into the world of work.

Our partners include:





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Principal's welcome

At Mulberry UTC, we believe that every young person should have access to outstanding educational opportunities that enable them to achieve their full potential.

Mulberry UTC's employer-led approach takes learning beyond the classroom, developing technical knowledge and skills and improving communication, teamwork and negotiation.

At Mulberry UTC, students learn alongside industry partners in ways that replicate the working world and provide hands-on experience. The UTC develops capacity for imagination, critical analysis and practical application – skills that are enhanced by employer-led projects, work placements, work-based experience and university-led workshops.

Through our unique links with universities and employers, we ensure that students develop the knowledge and skills needed to fast-track their future careers.

We provide industry-standard facilities in our state-of-the-art building and our staff are highly skilled professionals who are adept at making links between the curriculum and the workplace.

Graduates of Mulberry UTC are self-motivated, independent learners who thrive in the world outside school because they have been exposed to the workplace, as well as securing great qualifications. They take the lead in solving global challenges, boosting economic growth and creating new opportunities within communities.

If you enjoy learning through doing and want to benefit from an environment that combines the best of academic and technical learning, Mulberry UTC is the right choice for you.

I hope this prospectus will inspire you to find out more about the outstanding opportunities on offer, and warmly welcome you to join us in Year 10 or Year 12.



Mr Daniel Seed
Principal

Student Charter

A 'charter' is the term used to describe the rights that are granted to someone because of their status. At Mulberry UTC, our charter describes the rights granted to our students because they attend the UTC. These rights are listed below, and they are in addition to all the usual rights a student would have in any school. The charter exists so that our students understand the extra provision we make to ensure they leave us as skilled, trained and competent young professionals. That is our duty as a UTC.

Rights often bring with them responsibility. For example, the right to free speech places a duty on us not to spread hate and discrimination through our words. In the same way, our charter gives students the responsibility of volunteering, attending and signing up for the experiences that matter to them. It also requires them to record their experiences in their e-portfolio.

- ◆ Attend at least 5 talks given by professionals who currently work in an industry that interests you
- ◆ Visit at least 3 universities
- ◆ Complete at least 5 days of work experience in an industry that interests you
- ◆ Participate in 10 school trips that are connected to the world of work and aid your professional growth
- ◆ Use specialist equipment related to your courses that is of the same standard as that used in industry
- ◆ Apply to join Mulberry Changemakers projects- Mulberry STEM Academy, Mulberry Production Arts Academy and Global Girl Leading
- ◆ Participate in Trust-wide enrichment offers for example Model UN, MST sporting events and the Societies programme.
- ◆ Attend careers guidance interviews and talks that give you information about the full range of progression opportunities available to you, including apprenticeships
- ◆ Take part in volunteering activities in your community that give you the personal and professional skills employers value
- ◆ Undertake 5 cross-curricular projects with fellow students that show you how your learning can be applied in the real world
- ◆ Record all your experiences in an e-portfolio that you can use for a UCAS personal statement and other career-related applications

Name: Charlie Davis

Studies: Creative and Digital Media,
A level English and A level Sociology

Now: Year 13

Placement: Working alongside BAFTA-award
winning producer

“Through the UTC’s projects, I have made connections with industry professionals, resulting in paid work as an audio engineer and assistant film producer. I am currently working with a BAFTA-award winning producer on her new documentary.”



Our innovative curriculum

Mulberry UTC’s curriculum combines academic excellence with technical and vocational prowess, extra-curricular activities and enrichment. We take learning beyond the classroom to truly transform students’ lives.

All students benefit from the innovative and exciting enrichment opportunities we offer. This ranges from opportunities to enhance your industry-specific understanding, to getting involved with fun and varied activities that you may not have previously considered. This includes:

- Charity committee
- House competitions
- Visits to areas of historical, cultural and social significance
- Residential trips in the UK and overseas
- Visits from industry experts
- Visits to institutions linked to industry specialisms
- Model United Nations Club
- Lunchtime and after school clubs including gaming, art and football

Students also benefit from the Mulberry Futures programme, where they learn more about professional career paths and have the opportunity to visit university campuses in London and beyond.

World-class facilities

- Professional-standard theatre and studio theatre
- Construction and costume workshops
- Film & TV studio for recording or live broadcasts
- Animation studio with motion capture facilities
- Simulated hospital ward
- Care suite
- Specialist science labs

“I was able to shadow a community midwife, attending home visits, observing the way postnatal advice is provided and carrying out the heel prick test to test for any disabilities or severe health conditions.”

Year 12 student

T-level in Health T-level in Media, Broadcast and Production

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

We are now in our second year of delivering the T-level in Health. From September 2024, we will be delivering the T-level in Media, Broadcast and Production. These exciting, industry-focused pathways, give you the chance to gain an industry-relevant qualification, equivalent to three A-levels, which will take you on to university, apprenticeships and beyond.

The **T-level in Health** will give you the knowledge and skills to move into a career in nursing or related areas. In this course, you will learn about:

- The clinical assessments undertaken by nurses
- Techniques needed by nurses when working with patients
- How to create care plans
- How to support patients to stay healthy

You will spend time being trained in the school's hospital ward and will also make use of the care suite. These fantastic facilities ensure students are well-prepared for the working world. The T-level also includes 45 days of placement in healthcare settings that we deliver in partnership with BARTS Health.

The **T-level in Media, Broadcast and Production** will give you the knowledge and skills to move into a career in the creative media industries, working as a technician in events and venues, or in content creation and production, as well as other related areas. In the this course, you will learn about:

- The creative economy in a range of settings
- The cultural context of varied arts venues and vocabulary linked to place and equipment
- Audience and consumer needs
- Design briefs and using a broad range of technical equipment across sound, lighting, digital media and film

You will learn using our industry-standard equipment in our purpose-built TV, film, radio studios, theatre studio and theatre. The T-level also includes 45 days of placement in media, broadcast and production venues that we will deliver in partnership with the National Theatre.

T-level entry requirements:

- At least 5 GCSEs or equivalent at grades 9-4
- GCSE English and Maths at least grade 4
- GCSE Science at least 55 for T-level in Health



Name: Zareen Aktar

Studied: Applied Science,
A level Biology, A level Chemistry
and Extended Project Qualification

Now: at Queen Mary University of
London studying International Relations

“ I was able to combine my love of science and my love of politics at the UTC. I studied a combination of different subjects and then got involved in so many extracurricular activities such as Model UN and the charity committee. ”

Key Stage 4

(Year 10 and 11)

Study all

Core curriculum

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science

Choose two

Specialist technical curriculum

- Creative and Digital Media
- Performing Arts
- Health and Social Care
- Business Studies

Options curriculum

- GCSE Sociology
- GCSE History

We hope that most Key Stage 4 students will progress to Level 3 study at the UTC, remaining with us for four years until the end of their Key Stage 5 studies.

Students also have allocated lesson time for Careers Information, Advice and Guidance, Personal Development (including Relationships and Sex Education), Religious Education and Physical Education, alongside time for independent study and enrichment activities.





Key Stage 5

(Year 12 and 13)

Level 3

To join Level 3, students must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths. You must have at least the equivalent of a GCSE grade 5 in any subject you wish to continue to study at Level 3.

Technical curriculum

- Business
- Digital Media
- Health and Social Care
- Performing and Production Arts
- Applied Science

A-level offer*

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- Government & Politics
- Maths
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Film Studies

* Students on the 'Future Medics' programme need to have at least Grade 7s in GCSE Maths and GCSE Science.

Level 2

To join Level 2, students must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and Maths. If you do not have at least a grade 4 in English and/or Maths GCSE or equivalent, you will be required to retake it.

Students joining Level 2 will follow a one-year full time programme of study which prepares them to progress to Level 3 study, apprenticeship or skilled employment.

Technical curriculum

- Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care

All Level 2 and 3 students also have allocated lesson time for Careers Information, Advice and Guidance, Personal Development (including Relationships and Sex Education), Religious Education and Physical Education, alongside time for independent study and enrichment activities.

Creative Industries

At a time when creativity, innovation and technology are driving global competition like never before, this is an exciting time to pursue a career in the creative industries. Studying film and media allows you to develop industry-level skills across a range of technologies, while also learning how to critically analyse and theorise.

Mulberry UTC students are industry ready. Students joining the Creative Industries specialism gain deep understanding of how the media industry works in our digital age. They also learn the practical skills needed to succeed in the industry. Students' theoretical and creative abilities are developed in our world class studios.

Our Creative and Digital Media curriculum has been designed in collaboration with industry specialists. Everything about our courses is expertly focused and relevant, preparing students for their digital futures.

Our facilities include TV, film and animation studios, as well as cutting-edge editing suites, to ensure you are well equipped with the technical skills needed to enter university, apprenticeships or the workplace.

Key Stage 4

Level 2 Diploma in Creative iMedia

Key Stage 5

A-level Film Studies

Level 3 Diploma in Digital Media

“Mulberry UTC in east London dramatically opens up employment prospects for young people in the creative industries.”

Mark Reid, Head of UK Learning Programmes, BFI (British Film Institute)





Name: Shane Doorbejan

Studied: Level 3 Digital Media and A-level Film Studies

Now: at Bristol University studying Film and Television

“The UTC is unique in that it is small and the curriculum is personalised to the individual. This means that students are able to be creative and develop their technical skills using the expertise of their teachers. During my time at the UTC, I was involved in many extracurricular activities, trips and visits including Model UN, BBC School Report and the VFX festival.”

Future Pathways

University courses

BSc (Hons) Digital Media, BA (Hons) Digital Media Production, BA (Hons) Interactive Entertainment and BA (Hons) Media and Communication

Apprenticeships

Social Media and Digital Marketing, Video Production, TV Media and Production, Website Developer and Junior Content Creator

Careers

Social Media Manager, Video Journalist, Director, Digital Editor, Animator, Web Designer or Developer, Games Programmer, Radio or TV Producer, Digital Graphic Designer, Cinematographer and App Designer

Performing and Production Arts

Our Performing and Production Arts students are immersed in the world of theatre, developing industry-standard skills in theatre performance and production. Supported by our partners at the National Theatre, they learn how to succeed as creative professionals within this exciting sector.

Students benefit from working in our beautiful theatre, modelled on the National Theatre's Dorfman Theatre. Designed to the highest specification, it is regularly used by professional and community companies, who deliver workshops and masterclasses to students.

Our studio theatre is a flexible, experimental space in which students are challenged to push creative boundaries. They engage with lighting, sound and video design and operation, stage management, set and costume design.

The experience of Performing and Production Arts students at Mulberry UTC is enriched by workshops and projects with practitioners and placements in professional workplaces. There are ceaseless opportunities to apply skills practically and to develop them further, which will be much sought-after in the live arts industry.

Key Stage 4

Level 2 Diploma in Performing Arts

Key Stage 5

A-level Drama

Level 3 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts

TLevel in Media, Broadcast and Production

Future Pathways

University courses


BA (Hons) Theatre Practice, BA (Hons) Creative Lighting Control, BA (Hons) Performance Sound (Live Design and Engineering), BA (Hons) Stage Management & Technical Theatre, BA (Hons) Events & Production Management and BA (Hons) International Events Management

Apprenticeships

Theatre technician, Performing Arts Technician, Stage Technician, Creative Learning, Events Assistant and Facilities & Building Maintenance

Careers

Actor, Director, Production Manager, Technical Manager, Stage Manager, Lighting Designer, Set and Costume Designer, Sound Engineer, Video Engineer, Digital Artist, Costume Technician, Production Assistant, Prop Maker and Set Designer



“ Mulberry UTC provides an education that enriches students’ learning with a comprehensive, creative and hands on experience of theatre. Theatre is a collaborative environment with so many exciting, rewarding and challenging career choices and Mulberry UTC gives students an incredible start. ”

Sacha Milroy, Director of Producing & Planning,
National Theatre

**National
Theatre**

Business

For aspiring entrepreneurs, studying Business at Mulberry UTC is an excellent choice.

Our Business courses combine the academic knowledge and practical skills needed to pursue your career goals, helping you develop a broad understanding of the business world. We focus on marketing as well as functional areas such as finance, production and human resources.

Mulberry UTC Business students work on projects with real businesses including Bank of America, the BFI and Ipsos Mori. You will learn about communication, problem-solving, leadership and project management. This ensures you are confident to enter the business world with work-ready skills.

We will support you to gain understanding of how business actually work. Our courses are a fantastic introduction into the world of business, even if you have not studied Business before joining us.

Key Stage 4

Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise and Marketing

Key Stage 5

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

“ Unique school + unique students = unique futures. ”

Year 12 student



Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care students follow courses that prepare them to work in a wide range of health and care roles including nursing, midwifery, social work and childcare.

Health and Social Care students are caring, supportive and helpful. They choose this subject because they want to go on to make a positive difference in the world and in their community. As part of the course, they develop their knowledge of how to work safely in health and care settings, how to communicate effectively, how to deal safely with emergencies and how to work with others effectively.

Students learning about infection control as well as safeguarding and person-centred care. They also have opportunities to learn about caring for young children and older people. Our practical approach gives students the chance to meet practitioners and gain first-hand information about their work. They also take part in work experience with our industry partners, Barts Health NHS Trust, and a wide range of other health practitioners.

Students leave ready to take up crucial roles within health and care including nursing, midwifery, social work, youth work and education. We are extremely proud of the contribution that is made by our health and social care students to supporting the most vulnerable and keeping the community safe and healthy.

Key Stage 4

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care

Key Stage 5 Level 2 (one year course)

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

T-level in Health

“Our teachers are passionate about their subjects and applied learning. They are also very caring.”

Year 12 student



Future Pathways

University courses

BA (Hons) Health and Social Care, BSc (Hons) Nursing Practice, BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth Studies, BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing and BSc Health Care Management

Apprenticeships

Clinical Health Care Support, Early Years Practitioner, Nursery Assistant, Paediatric, Dental Nursing, Emergency Care Assistance and Perioperative support

Careers

Midwife, Nurse, Care Worker, Nursery Nurse, Dental Nurse, Health Service Manager, Dietitian, Occupational Therapist and Social Worker

Name: Esther Grant

Studied: Level 3 Health and Social Care

Now: at City University studying Midwifery

Placement: During her time at Mulberry UTC, Esther undertook work experience at Barts Health NHS Trust

“ During my time at the UTC, I visited many different hospitals and met lots of staff. This helped me realise that there are so many different careers in healthcare and there are lots of different ways to enter a career in the NHS. Networking with midwives at the Royal London Hospital made me realise that I have the skills and motivation to be a successful midwife. ”

Science and Maths

Our Science and Maths courses are suitable for students who wish to progress to a wide range of careers in science. We also have a 'Future Medics' pathway, for students who are planning to study medicine at university.

Science students learn in our simulated health environments and state-of-the-art science laboratories, developing the knowledge and skills they need for future careers in science and health. They learn to work safely and to control hazards.

Our Applied Science programme is a two year course which combines the study of scientific theory with the development of practical skills. As well as deepening their knowledge and understanding of science and health, students have the opportunity to apply this knowledge in practical contexts. This includes learning how to meet patients' needs in a clinical environment, through working in our simulated hospital ward.

Students following this course develop high-level laboratory skills relevant to a range of science and health work settings. Students deepen their understanding of scientific research and learn how to apply analytical skills in real-world.

Students take part in employer projects linked to areas such as pharmaceuticals, forensics, biotechnology and genetics. Our extra-curricular clubs allow students to practise practical skills, including skills training eg. CPR, lab skills, manual blood pressure. There are also opportunities to undertake work experience, as well as trips and monthly seminars delivered by health and science experts.

Key Stage 5

A-level Maths


A-level Biology

A-level Chemistry

Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science

“Mulberry UTC's health care courses have been designed to prepare students for the face to face patient roles critical to ensuring an appropriately skilled clinical workforce, equipped to deliver new models of care for the NHS.”

Lois Whittaker, Managing Director,
Education Academy
Barts Health NHS Trust

Barts Health 
NHS Trust



Future Pathways

University courses

BSc (Hons) Health Sciences, BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science, BSc (Hons) Health Care Science, MPharm (Master of Pharmacy), BSc (Hons) Radiography, BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy and BSc in Biomedical Science

Apprenticeships

Pharmacy Services, Laboratory Technician, Pathology Support, Laboratory Science and Pharmacy Manufacturing

Careers

Paramedic, Radiographer, Physiotherapist, Laboratory Technician, Clinical Psychologist and Pharmacist

Name: Edriss Bangura

Studied: Level 3 Health Science and A-level Chemistry

Now: at Coventry University studying Biomedical Science

“ During my time at Mulberry UTC I attended science seminars and science club. This helped reinforce the learning we did in lessons, helping ensure I could get the grades I needed for university. ”

Humanities and Social Science

At Mulberry UTC, we offer a wide range of Humanities and Social Science subjects at GCSE and A-level.

All of these subjects focus on human life and human society. Whichever course you choose, you'll develop expert specialist knowledge as well as a huge variety of transferrable skills including research, evaluation, analysis and communication.

Our Humanities and Social Science subjects support our technical and vocational courses, complementing practical learning with high level academic skills. Humanities and Social Science subjects give students better understanding of the human world, a perfect choice for those with creativity and an inquisitive mind-set.

Many of our KS4 students go on to study Humanities and Social Science subjects at Mulberry UTC at A-level. Our KS5 students often go on to Humanities and Social Science degree courses. All of our subjects focus on giving young people a better understanding of what is going on in the world around them, helping them to make sense of our changing world.

Key Stage 4

GCSE History
GCSE Sociology

Key Stage 5

A-level Politics
A-level Psychology
A-level Sociology

Name: Inka Kotopouli

Studied: A-level Sociology, Politics and Psychology

Now: At Cambridge University studying Human, Social and Political Sciences

“ Inka joined Mulberry UTC in Year 10 when the school first opened in September 2017. She is our first student to go on to study at Cambridge – congratulations Inka! ”



Student life at Mulberry UTC

The UTC working day

The working day at Mulberry UTC reflects a typical working day, to help prepare for the future world of work. The UTC school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.50pm, with an earlier finish at 2.10pm on Fridays.

This longer working day means that we are able to provide a wide range of extension and enrichment opportunities within the school day. We are also able to provide sufficient time for students to complete their studies during the school day, so there is less need for homework.

Uniform and dress code

All students are expected to follow the UTC dress code, which reflects the school's emphasis on the importance of professional, business-like behaviour and attitude. While taking part in technical learning or projects, UTC students follow a different dress code reflecting their particular specialist pathway, including lab coats for Health Science students. More details are available on our website www.mulberryutc.org.

Extension programme

Mulberry UTC provides a comprehensive extension programme, so that students can make the most of the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The programme includes a range of masterclasses, with experts from our industry partners, consultants and practitioners from the creative and health industries and leading academics from universities.

PE

All UTC students also participate in regular Physical Education (PE) sessions as part of the school's commitment to promoting health and wellbeing. Aspects of fitness and wellbeing are also integrated into students' core subjects, options and technical project work.

“Our teachers push us to do our absolute best and show resilience in all our learning. The teachers are very approachable which makes us feel comfortable in school.”

Year 10 student



About the Mulberry Schools Trust

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a flourishing multi-academy trust set up in 2017 in Tower Hamlets. Our vision at the Mulberry Schools Trust is to provide an outstanding education so that our students leave us as highly qualified, confident and articulate young people. Our family of schools include Mulberry UTC, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, Mulberry School for Girls and Mulberry Academy London Dock.

In each of our schools, we have a very clear statement of purpose – ‘outstanding achievement for all’. This vision is underpinned by the desire to do more for high-quality education for all children and young people – and a commitment to schools working together to secure an inclusive, ambitious, collegiate, and imaginative offer for parents and their children in East London.

Whilst each school is different, by joining Mulberry UTC, you become part of our family of schools, with a commitment to working together to secure a great future for every child within our care.

The values of the Trust align directly with those of Tower Hamlets. We have stayed true to our ethos and principles since our founding moment. We base our policies on fairness, transparency and inclusion, whilst taking into consideration the ever-changing world our students are growing up in.

Our aim is to provide all our students with the best education regardless of their starting point. We provide a service to our families and we hold true to the fundamental principles of equal opportunity and inclusion for all.

We look forward to meeting you.

Dr Vanessa Ogden

CEO

Mulberry Schools Trust

Applying for your place

Entry criteria

Mulberry UTC is an inclusive, non-selective, non-fee-paying school for boys and girls aged 14-19. Students may join the UTC at the start of Year 10 or Year 12. The most important quality we look for is a passion for your chosen technical specialism and the energy, enthusiasm and drive to succeed within the UTC environment.

Application forms for Year 10 or Year 12 should be completed online via the Mulberry UTC website. If you would like support with completing an application, please contact the UTC. The deadline for applications is 31st January.

Our admissions policy gives priority to:

1. Students with Education, Health and Care Plans
2. Students who are, or who have been, looked after by the local authority
3. Students who receive the Pupil Premium
4. The children of staff who have been working for two years or more at any school within the Mulberry Schools Trust
5. The siblings of current or former students of Mulberry UTC, Mulberry School for Girls or Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

Full details of our admissions policy, including details of over-subscription criteria, are available on the UTC website.

“Everyone is friendly and makes me feel very welcome. I have made a lot of new friends.”

Year 12 student



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Students come from all over London and wider areas to study at Mulberry UTC

How to find us

By bus

8, 488 or 276 to Parnell Road

By train

Bow Road (District Line) or Bow Church (DLR)

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