

2 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a very busy and very successful Spring Term at Mulberry UTC and I am immensely proud of all that your child and our staff have already achieved. I wanted to write to you as term ends to celebrate some successes and give you information about what to look out for as we go into the Summer.

Last Day of Term

Friday 4th April is the last day of this term. Year 13 will be dismissed at 11.25am, the remainder of students will be dismissed at 12.20pm

We will return on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.40am as usual.

Summer Exams

Year 11 will begin their full written GCSE summer exams with GCSE Sociology Paper 1 on Friday 9th May. Exams continue until the morning of Monday 16th June when Year 11s will all sit their final exam, GCSE Physics Paper 2. We expect Year 11 students to attend school each day as usual until Friday 23rd May. After this date, students need only attend when they have exams or wish to revise with their teachers. Before this date, we will organise special revision sessions before exams and allow students to leave after afternoon exams have finished, but we do expect their attendance every day.

The Year 13 exam season begins on Tuesday 13th May and extends into late June. Students will not need to attend every day after Thursday 22nd May and need only come in when they have an exam. Teachers will still offer revision sessions after this date.

Personal exam timetables will be sent to parents and students this week. We wish all of our students well and have been working very hard preparing them.

Ofsted Inspection

Parents may be aware that we had a full Ofsted inspection two weeks ago. We were very pleased to welcome inspectors. I will provide you with a copy of the full report once it is published in early May.

Summer Variations to School Week

Aside from the usual bank holidays, parents should be aware that school will be closed to students on 6 June for Eid Al-Adha and on 30 June for a staff INSET day.

School Production 'Fresh Air'

I'm very proud to give you details of our annual school production. This year it is a play written by the National Theatre called 'Fresh Air'.

The dates for performance are as follows, ticketing information will be provided early next term:

30/04/2025 - 6pm at Mulberry UTC

02/05/2025 - 2pm at Mulberry UTC

07/05/2025 – 7pm at Hornchurch Theatre Festival

Year 10 PE Programme

Year 10 have been having a great half term with athletics and rounders in Victoria Park and, most recently, rock climbing and ice skating. Next half term we will be taking students for a 6-week kayaking course at Laburnum Boat Club in Hackney. Consent letters will be with Year 10 parents this week.

Year 12 Work Experience

A reminder to Year 12 parents that work experience week is 14-18 July. There is lots of assistance available in school but arranging a suitable placement is primarily the responsibility of the students. Please encourage your child to contact companies they are interested in as soon as possible if they have not already arranged their work experience.

The Importance of Attendance

There is a great deal of research that shows the clear link between achievement and attendance. The more your child is at school, the better they will do. Students with attendance over 95% generally do one grade better than students with attendance below 85%. We will be writing next week to update you on your child's attendance this half term, we will also be contacting parents/carers individually where attendance is a concern. We want to support and assist and will work with you constructively to get your child where they need to be – in the UTC and studying for their future.

Speakers and Experiences

We hosted a performance by the National Theatre on Wednesday 26 March, this was attended by 150 of our students. On the same day we took Year 12 Health students to Greenwich and Year 12 social science students to Southampton University. In total our students have attended 34 trips, 12 talks and 14 lectures since Christmas. We take enrichment such as this very seriously and consider it a key part of our offer to our students.

Many thanks for all your support as parents/carers. If you would like to get in touch with me about the contents of this letter or any other matter then please write directly dseed@mulberryschoolstrust.org. I'm always happy to help.

Yours sincerely



Daniel Seed
Principal