Confidence, Creativity, Leadership and Learning for Young Women
Thank you for considering Mulberry as the place to further your education. You only have to look at the fantastic facilities available on our campus and our track record of excellent results to realise that we offer life-changing opportunities.

We believe that all of our students, including those returning to study after a period away, deserve the highest standards of education and that they all have the potential to flourish.

Leadership and creativity are championed here. We encourage all of our students to become confident and independent learners and we will provide you with the expertise, facilities and resources to help you achieve that in a secure and welcoming environment. All we ask is that you have a love of learning, dedicate yourself to being the very best you can be and seize the opportunities we make available to you.

We have won many awards and accolades for our pioneering approach to education, including specialist status in the Arts, English and Media, Training School and Leading Edge status, as well as for our Centre for International Education.

The law, medicine, arts, politics and education are just some of the worlds peopled by former Mulberry students. Many return to share their exciting experiences with us.

We hope you will be one of them.

Dr Vanessa Ogden, Head Teacher BA(Hons), MA(Ed), EdD FRSA
A new learning environment

We have a dedicated sixth form and FE centre, completed in 2004, on our Richard Street campus. Here, you will follow a tailor-made tutoring programme enhanced by relevant visits, subject conferences and activities to support your study subjects. You will have greater flexibility of study time in the sixth form. This allows for more independent learning and is a foretaste of the study experience you can expect at university.
Students’ social, moral, cultural and spiritual development is exceptional. Mulberry girls are highly ambitious, confident and principled.

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You can read about Mulberry’s mission statement, its overarching philosophy and its objectives in our main school prospectus and on our website. This may help you to decide whether our approach is right for you. Research shows that women who attend girls’ schools are more successful academically and in working life. At Mulberry, we uphold these aspirations. Mulberry offers an inclusive education and is committed to supporting young women to continue their education in a single sex institution. We believe there are advantages in studying in an environment where approaches to learning and personal development are tailored to the needs of young women. Mulberry is not, however, a haven away from mixed gender settings and there will be many opportunities to participate in events with young men, such as conferences, debates and workshops. These are beneficial to developing your confidence, communication skills and professional relations.

Is an all-female environment right for me?
Moving on to university...

Over 85% of our students progress to university. Many opt to stay in London but increasingly, our young women are asserting their ambition and independence to move further afield, including Oxford, Cambridge, York, Southampton and Manchester. Students also regularly gain places at top London institutions including UCL, King’s College, LSE, SOAS and St George’s Medical School. Students choose a diverse range of courses to study at University.

We assist all of our students to identify their progression routes through university visits, higher education fairs, open days and summer schools. We begin to support students in planning their future from the very beginning of year 12 with an induction session on applying to University and then with a careers fair and a conference on Higher Education at the end of year 12.

Mulberry enjoys a special relationship with Clare College, Cambridge with whom regular visits and talks are arranged. There is a mentoring group for those applying for Oxbridge and other Russell Group Universities. This includes meeting with undergraduates from these top universities, visits to the universities and cultural trips, for example, to the theatre, museums and other arts events. There is also targeted support with academic writing skills in order to allow students to express their ideas at a level nearer to that required by universities. Students also have opportunities to apply for summer schools, for example, every year we have several students that attend the prestigious Eton summer school, and other external programmes aimed at helping students progress to higher education.

Our careers service provides advice and guidance to support your decisions about your future career. In addition, our excellent links and initiatives with employers like Bank of America Merrill Lynch, KPMG, Barts Health Trust, Clifford Chance, Atkins Engineering and a host of other companies will give you valuable exposure to the business world and help you clarify your career goals and paths.

You may also have the opportunity to do a work experience placement, especially if you are studying a vocational qualification.

Employers increasingly look for candidates who, in addition to academic achievement, have a range of work-related skills and an understanding of the way that business operates. We offer a range of work-related learning and enterprise activities that will help to acquire these skills and knowledge, including interview practice and CV preparation.

...and a career
What can you study?

At Mulberry, you can choose from a wide range of subjects and qualifications, at varying levels. These include A levels, Technical Diplomas, entry level and level 2 courses. Our course offer is as flexible as possible to enable you to study the subjects you choose at the level which suits you best.

Humanities & Social Sciences

If you enjoy questioning and finding out all about our rich social, political, cultural and religious world then a course in social science and humanities could be for you.

Choose from English Literature, Economics, Spanish and French, RS, Government and Politics, History, Geography, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology to explore the world around you and your fellow human beings.

Arts and Technology

As a centre with specialist arts status, we offer many courses in the arts and have our own purpose built 150 seat theatre. Choose from Art and Design, Graphics, Film Studies and Dance. Our vocational opportunities include work with artists in residence, our Mulberry Theatre Company, and performance at arts festivals such as the Edinburgh Fringe. In 2015 the Donmar Warehouse Theatre Company performed their all female version of Henry IV in a week long residence in our theatre. Further collaborations are planned including a Shakespeare on Screen programme in 2017.
Applied Learning

Mulberry offers the Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care. This combines elements of classroom learning with practical work, often in a workplace setting or supported and enhanced by people from the health sector.

Level 2 course are also offered in Health and Social Care and Hospitality and Catering.

The Sciences and Maths

Mulberry offers a full range of opportunities to study the sciences at post-16. Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Maths have very strong uptake with specialist teaching facilities. You can also study Further Maths if you want to do a Maths degree. There is a strong enrichment programme which in the past has included a visit to CERN in Geneva, a research expedition to Madagascar, our STEM programme with Imperial College and Queen Mary University and our new greenhouse project which studies evolution through plantlife in climate controlled greenhouses with specialised equipment. In 2012 Mulberry was awarded the first prize in the prestigious Rolls Royce School Science Competition. We have also hosted a Women in Science conference which saw many eminent women scientists including Baroness Greenfield address our students.
Mulberry’s multi-million pound building offers specially designed teaching and learning areas that include a state-of-the-art music technology suite, advanced science labs, professional standard dance studio, drama studio, film editing suite, digital recording studio and specially equipped suites for subjects such as hospitality and catering. There are quiet areas for reflection and study and serene courtyards with fountains. A multi-faith prayer room with facilities for ablution is available in the sixth form centre, for use outside lesson times.

Our excellent sports facilities include a fitness centre, gymnastics tumble track and even a rock climbing wall.

ICT is being integrated into teaching and learning across the whole of Mulberry. Every student is provided with a laptop to use on the premises and we make extensive use of a range of technology. Provision will be made available if you do not have access to a computer with internet access at home so that you can work independently.

We are progressing towards a ‘virtual learning environment’ that will enable Mulberry to replicate, on-line, much of what it currently does in the building. This includes downloading and uploading study assignments, sharing important information and learning resources, on-line surveys and optimising a range of learning tools.

Mulberry is also an accredited centre for Microsoft Learning Academy. Students and staff can access a range of on-line training. We also run courses led by ICT professionals.

There are stringent policies on ICT safety. All internet access is fully filtered to ensure that students do not have access to inappropriate material.
Students, at all levels, enjoy a wide range of trips and visits to enhance and enrich their learning experience. Outside of your formal studies, our much admired centre of excellence for out of hours learning offers a wealth of opportunity to widen your interests, acquire new skills or just enjoy some well deserved fun and relaxation.

Fitness, karate, first aid, theatre, museum trips, kickboxing, volunteering, jogging, cooking, arts and crafts are just some of the activities you can indulge in. Mulberry has a strong Duke of Edinburgh programme and students can work through the bronze, silver all the way to the gold award. A previous project involved students travelling to Bosnia with renowned filmmaker Fiona Lloyd Davis to create a film about the meaning of justice by investigating the war in Yugoslavia in the early 90s. The film was premiered at the Barbican in September 2012.

If you have an interest in world issues and current affairs, then we can offer opportunity for debate at our Youth Conference or Model United Nations. Mulberry leads the Model UN Global Classrooms initiative as part of our Centre for Global Learning. You can be an integral part in organising and participating in high profile events that draw speakers and other students from all over the country.

You will have plenty of opportunities to join in activities with other members of the school at a whole host of sporting, cultural, graduation, award and celebration events. Part of our leadership philosophy is reflected in our mentoring schemes where we encourage our older students to become role models and mentors to the younger ones.

More information on out of hours learning is available on our website.

There’s so much more to Mulberry
Our admissions policy

Mulberry is a popular destination for post-16 study and places for certain courses are often over-subscribed. We can accommodate approximate 200 students in year 12, divided between A levels, Technical Diploma, level 2 and entry level.

First priority is given to existing Mulberry pupils, if they are appropriately qualified for the course they have chosen.

You will be generally expected to have at least 5+ GCSE grades 5-9 or equivalent including Maths and English to study a level 3 course. For some subjects higher grades will be required.

Full details on admissions and entry requirements are available on request.

“Students value the excellent working relationships they have with their teachers and particularly appreciate teachers’ willingness to provide additional support and guidance when they fall behind or need extra help.”

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