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Mulberry School for Girls announces new collaborative Teaching School Hub in Tower Hamlets and Hackney

Mulberry School for Girls, founding school of the Mulberry Schools Trust, is excited to announce that it has been selected by the Department for Education to become one of 87 Teaching School Hubs in the country.

Launching in September 2021, the Teaching School Hub will be collaboratively responsible for ensuring that teachers from all 173 schools in Hackney and Tower Hamlets have access to world-class teacher development programmes.

The Teaching School Hub will offer training programmes for trainee teachers, newly qualified teachers, early career teachers and leaders. At all levels, teachers will be able to access high quality, cutting edge professional development that is so vital to delivering exceptional outcomes for pupils across Tower Hamlets and Hackney.

Collegiality, transparency and inclusion will be at the heart of the collaboration and innovative programmes on offer. Content will be suitable for every stage, phase and age within the education system. Our colleagues in Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Post-16, Alternative Provision and SEND will all benefit from pioneering, evidence based professional development that will positively impact outcomes in the classroom.

Over the coming months, Mulberry School for Girls will work with school leaders and key strategic partners to build a comprehensive network of teacher development excellence. We will bring together new and existing local expertise, so that we can collectively determine key priorities and implement evidence based outcomes that lead to system-wide improvement.

Dr Vanessa Ogden, CEO of the Mulberry Schools Trust and Headteacher of Mulberry School for Girls said: “The announcement today is fantastic news. Central to the Teaching School Hub’s ethos is professional collaboration to deliver high quality programmes and training. We know pupils achieve better when the staff around them are motivated and highly qualified. We will work together with our strategic partners and colleagues in local schools to ensure that this new provision delivers outstanding programmes that increase teacher motivation, confidence and commitment. We want to attract the best educators to our region and support them to stay. We want them to enjoy their careers and these aims will underpin our offer.”

Ruth Smith, Director of Education at Mulberry Schools Trust, said: “Today’s announcement is a tribute to all of the local schools and strategic partners who supported our application to become a Teaching School Hub. Together, we have the passion, expertise and capacity to deliver outstanding teacher development to teachers and leaders at every stage of their career. Hackney and Tower Hamlets is a fantastic place to teach and we are committed to recruiting, retaining and developing the very best teachers. Our collective ambition is to deliver outstanding educational outcomes for our young people as they deserve the best.”

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About Mulberry School for Girls

Confidence, Creativity, Leadership and a Love of Learning

Mulberry School for Girls is a vibrant, high achieving girls' comprehensive school for pupils aged 11 to 18 located in the heart of Tower Hamlets. It is an eight-form entry school with approximately 400 places for pupils in the Sixth Form. The school is a welcoming and inclusive place of learning, where girl's talents and abilities are nurtured in a safe and creative space. It is steeped in achievement and accolades, providing inspiration and opportunity to provide a platform for pupils' success. Mulberry young women are ambitious, articulate and confident. They are creative leaders, who have a love of learning and they will go on to make a positive contribution to our community, now and in the future.

www.mulberryschoolforgirls.org

About the Mulberry Schools Trust

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a multi-academy trust in Tower Hamlets, which has provided outstanding education in East London for over 50 years. It currently includes three other secondary schools – Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, Mulberry School for Girls and Mulberry UTC. Two of their schools have been judged 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and the UTC, which specialises in health, science and the creative industries, was judged to be strong on its first inspection after only opening in 2017. The CEO is designated a 'National Leader of Education' and contributes to education policy and practice both locally and nationally. The Trust also has a Teaching School Hub, a College of Arts and a community building with a Children's Centre. The Trust believes in the power of partnerships with families, other local schools and the communities that it serves. It has established a charitable foundation to support its education work more widely.

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