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Friday 28th March 2025

Message from the Principal



As we approach the end of term, there is fantastic learning happening across the school. This week, we welcomed several visitors from the Trust, who provided overwhelmingly positive feedback on the high standards of teaching and learning. With just 15 days until the first GCSE and A-level exams, we are focusing on maintaining excellent attendance—every minute counts, especially for Year 11 and Year 13 students. We are also eagerly reviewing the data from mock exams and celebrating the successes, which indicate we are on track for another strong set of results this summer. Well done to all students and staff for their continued hard work.

We were delighted to welcome parents to our first PSA coffee morning on Friday, where we discussed fundraising ideas and ways to strengthen family-school connections. We look forward to more gatherings and exciting work ahead.

This week was busy with enrichment clubs, house events, and Year 8 students preparing fundraising pitches for the First Give initiative. The winning tutor group will secure funding for their chosen charity. We're also launching our Sixth Form

mentoring programme, providing invaluable peer-to-peer guidance. It's inspiring to see our Sixth Formers leading by example and demonstrating ambition.

This week has been a vibrant celebration of culture and creativity. Years 8 and 9 actors were inspired by 'Providers' at Brixton House, while Sixth Formers enjoyed 'Punch' at the Young Vic. Year 8 students visited Westminster Abbey and participated in an oracy workshop. Students also learned from and performed for rap artists Shaybo and Bashy, thanks to Grounded Sounds. Next week, we look forward to the second round of the 'Great Elms Bake Off.' **Interested students should email Miss Briscoe by Monday.** Also, look out for the new summer term KS3 enrichment club options next week.

A key event in the final week of term is our Year 9 Pathways Evening, an essential session for students and parents to understand the GCSE options process. Attendance is highly encouraged to ensure students make informed choices that will set them up for future success. And a reminder that the last day of term, Friday 4th April, will be a half day, with students being dismissed for the Easter holidays at 13:05.

Lastly, to all those celebrating, we wish you Eid Mubarak for Monday, and hope you enjoy this special time with your loved ones. It has been really meaningful over the last few weeks to learn more about Ramadan and Eid as a school community and to support our students who have been fasting. Please do take a moment to fill out the MS Form that has been sent out if your child will be absent from school on Monday for Eid celebrations.

Eid Mubarak!

Wishing you peace and happiness



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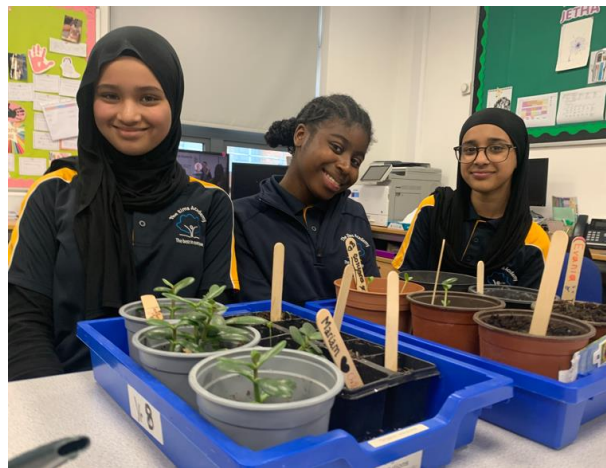
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Wellbeing Club

Contact with nature and animals is good for all of us. Our Wellbeing group have been planting sunflowers and other seeds, including herbs and vegetables, and this week they enjoyed a special guest visit from Ivy.

Student safety and wellbeing is at the core of all that we do here at The Elms Academy. Students who are in need of support or guidance should always contact their Tutor in the first instance, but there are also lots of useful websites and online resources to help students and parents. We have compiled a selection of recommendations on our website here: <https://www.theelmsacademy.org.uk/students/student-wellbeing>



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Sporting News

Year 7 Girls Football tournament. Congratulations to Elms A for 1st place in Group A. Kimberley scored thirteen goals. The player of the tournament was Aaliyah.



Congratulations to the year 7 girls football tournament, Elms B for becoming 1st in Group B. Rebecca scored five goals and Azariah scored three goals. Player of the tournament was Azariah.



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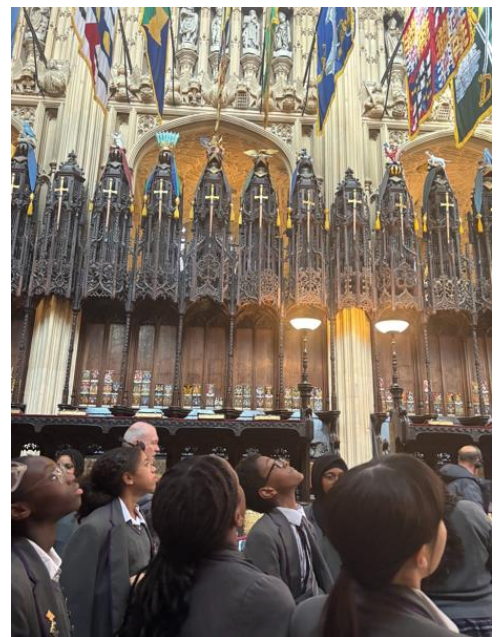
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Westminster Abbey Trip

Year 8 students visited Westminster Abbey on an exciting school trip, exploring its rich history and religious significance. The trip supported their History and RE studies, providing insights into the British monarchy, key historical events, and Christian traditions. Students saw the Coronation Chair, Poets' Corner, and the graves of famous figures. Guided tours highlighted the Abbey's role in royal ceremonies and national remembrance. The trip was an engaging experience, bringing history and religious studies to life in a truly iconic setting.



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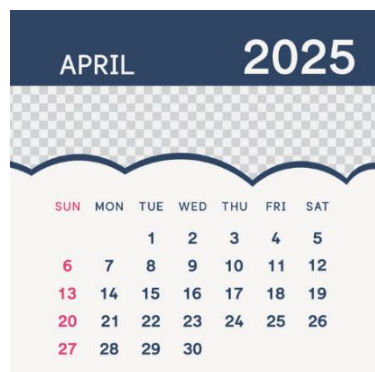
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End of Term Arrangements



On Friday 4th April 2025 students will be dismissed at 1.05pm. Any student wishing to have lunch will be able to purchase a sandwich before they leave. This will also be a non-uniform day.

A reminder following the Easter holiday Tuesday 22nd April is an INSET day and students are due back in school on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Pathways Evening (Year 9)	Thursday 3 rd April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 th April 2025 – Monday 21 st April 2025	Two Weeks
INSET Day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	All Day
Year 11 Exams Evening	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 1 st May 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Year 11 normal start time 8.00am Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 Students are expected in school by 8:45a.m
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May	All Day
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	All Week
Summer Showcase	Tuesday 1 st July 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Last day of term	Friday 18 th July 2025	



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