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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Our school had the privilege of hosting visitors from United Learning this week. Their compliments about our students' conduct in lessons and corridors, as well as the pride they take in their written work, are truly heartening. Your children's dedication to their education shines through, and we appreciate the positive feedback.

This week was filled with enriching experiences for our students. Year 10 embarked on a fascinating history trip to The Old Operating Theatre. Additionally, all year groups participated in engaging Maths Challenges, while a group of Y8 students explored the realms of philosophy during a university visit.

In the realm of sports, our Y8 girls achieved a commendable 3-1 victory against Platanos on Tuesday. Congratulations to Mr. Brennan and all the students involved. Representing our school is a remarkable achievement, fostering memories and crucial

social skills. Furthermore, Y8 had a successful launch assembly for the First Give initiative, designed to instill charitable values and awareness for those less fortunate.

The spirit of friendly competition is alive in our school with weekly house competitions. From a musical Wednesday with the karaoke challenge to the triumphant house dodgeball competition on Friday, Patches O'Houlihan would have been proud!

In community news, Brixton Library has now returned from the Brixton Recreation Centre and is back in its home of 132 years on Windrush Square, in the heart of Brixton. We encourage students of all ages to utilise local libraries as a valuable resource for information and a quiet place to revise for exams.

Finally, I would like to bring your attention to the NSPCC Game Safe Festival. This event offers parents and teachers the opportunity to better understand how young people game online, discover tools and resources for safe play, and learn how to support them in staying safe. More information on how to book can be found here: [Game Safe Festival | Esports tournament, workshops & more | NSPCC](#)

Thank you for your continued support in making The Elms Academy a thriving and enriching learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,

Jon Lynes

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Year 10 History Trip



On Monday Y10 historians went on a trip to the Old Operating Theatre in central London - the oldest surviving operating theatre in Europe to consolidate their Health and the People GCSE unit. Students were given a talk from a medical history expert who gave students a walkthrough of two of the most common 19th century operations: amputations and removing bladder stones. There were *a lot* of pale faces, particularly during the description of

the methods for breaking down bladder stones! Aiden bravely volunteered to become our amputee for the day, although he looked quite uncomfortable on the tiny operating table, complete with grooves for draining the blood so it could be collected in a tray underneath. In the herb garret and museum, there were lots of interesting artifacts detailing other operations and the tools used to perform them, some of the childbirth tools looked horrific, especially the ones used to induce labour; however, some of the tools haven't changed much over time, like the forceps or clamps. As well as a model apothecary and different herbal remedies and natural medicines.



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Whole school assembly - Safey

During our whole school assembly this week, our focus has been on street safety. We started by looking at how students can show integrity in the local community. This can be by putting litter in the bin, being mindful of people walking on the pavement, not being too loud, ensuring good manners at all times and also displaying good conduct on the bus, maybe offering a seat to a member of the public.

We also looked at being safe in our community and the importance of knowing the risks and dangers and how to avoid them.

Some of the tips for keeping safe were:

- Stay alert – keeping electronic devises turned down or off so you can hear what is going on around you.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Stick to busy well lit roads and avoid any short cuts.
- Walk to and from school with someone or in a group.
- When you leave home, always tell your parent where you are going.
- Share your location with someone or use Find My Phone app.

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Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy of Arts



Now in its sixth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Students are invited to submit a piece of art for entry into the Young Artists' Summer Show. Entries are to be given to Ms Bentley or Ms Smyth by 25th March. One entry per person. The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing or a combination.

This is an amazing opportunity for your creativity to be shown in a famous public gallery.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	All Week
Year 9 Graduation and Transition to Key Stage 4 meeting - ONLINE	Thursday 22 nd February	5.30pm
Parent Forum ONLINE	Tuesday 27 th February	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Year 7 Parent Evening	Thursday 7 th March	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 9 Pathways Evening	Wednesday 20 th March	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Year 8 Parent Evening	Thursday 21 st March	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Two weeks
INSET Day	Monday 15 th April	All Day