Message from our Principal

It's been another brilliant week at the Academy, with so much to celebrate. A huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have impressed us enormously with the way they have approached their exams. Attendance has been above 99% every day, which speaks volumes about their commitment, determination and willingness to make the most of every opportunity. Their hard work and positive attitude are helping to secure the very best life choices and life chances for their future, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

Despite it being a quieter week for staff during Time Back Week, there has still been a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities taking place across the Academy. Year 10 students took part in the Urban Debaters project, our Year 8 King's Scholars enjoyed a university design workshop, and King's Scholars Plus tutoring continued. We also saw students participating in Shrek rehearsals, a Spelling Bee and our House Teacher Bingo competition. Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students visited a local church to support their learning, while some of our Year 9 and 10 students attended the Met Police Youth Summit. Our Year 12 students also benefited from an experience day at Weatherbys Private Bank, gaining valuable insight into future career pathways. These opportunities are an important part of Academy life, helping students build confidence, broaden their horizons and develop skills beyond the classroom.

We're looking forward to welcoming Year 7 families to Parents' Evening on Thursday 26th November. This is an invaluable opportunity to speak directly with your child's teachers, hear how they are progressing and discuss how we can work together to ensure they achieve their full potential. We would strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

A reminder that our normal Monday KS3 enrichment programme will return next week. Please also note that Friday 27th November is an INSET Day, so the Academy will be closed to students.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to remind families about the importance of excellent attendance. Attendance is closely linked to academic success, and we have seen a slight dip across the Academy this week. We understand that a number of seasonal illnesses are circulating, but wherever possible, please make every effort to ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Every lesson matters, and being in school consistently gives students the very best chance of success.



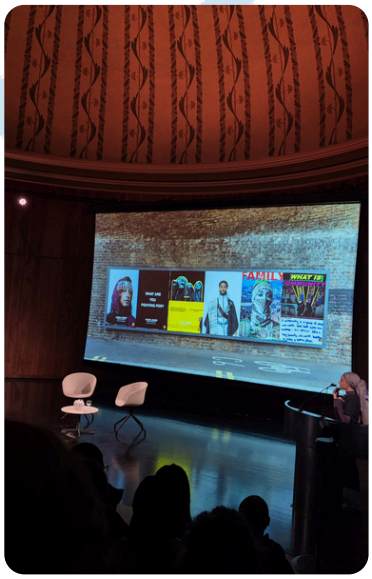
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Amy Welch

Victoria & Albert Upstart Festival

Our Year 10 and Year 12 pupils enjoyed an inspiring day exploring the exciting worlds of fashion, textiles and creative careers at the V&A Upstart Day.

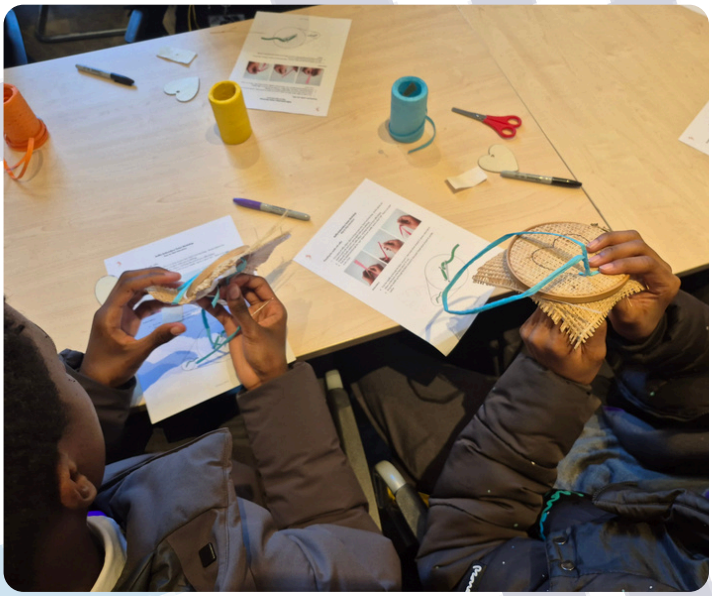




Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of engaging, hands-on workshops and had the opportunity to hear from industry professionals about their experiences and career journeys. It was fantastic to see our pupils enthusiastically getting involved in the activities, developing their creativity and discovering the wide range of opportunities available within the creative industries. A truly valuable and inspiring experience for all involved!



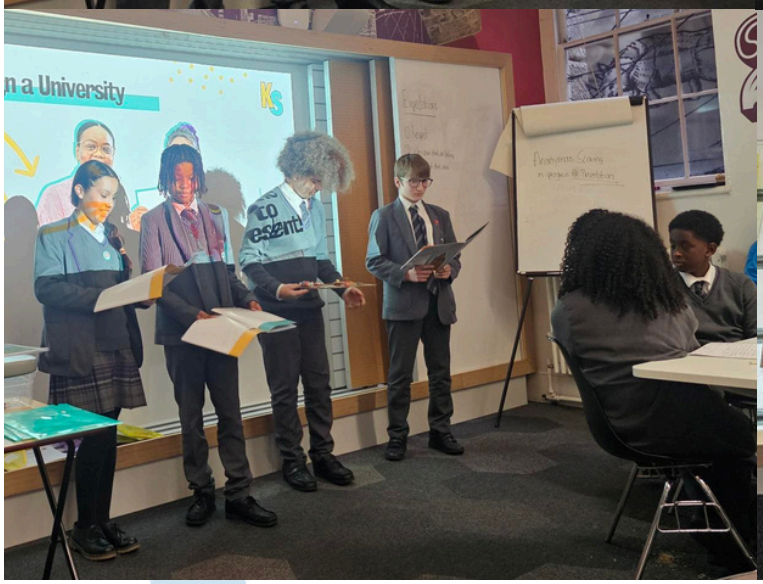




Year 8 King's Scholars









As part of the King's Scholars programme, our Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting full-day visit to King's College London for a 'Design a University' workshop. Supported by King's student ambassadors, pupils explored a range of university subjects, including architecture and business management, before putting their creativity and teamwork to the test by designing a university of their own. The workshop provided a fantastic opportunity to develop their research, collaboration and presentation skills, while inspiring them to think about the exciting possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead in higher education. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and creativity throughout the day!

Football Fixtures

Year 8 Boys

On Friday the Year 8 football team played against City Heights Academy on Clapham Common.

The final score a resounding win of 5-2 which showed the hunger and flowing football that was played by Elms. The team played well together, finding space and creating many opportunities which were converted to the many goals scored.

A key highlight was Zachary Edwards scoring a hattrick and achieving the man of the match award!

This result has the team on a run of two wins in a row and another vital 3 points for the league.

Report written by Samuel, Year 8



Important Reminder for Year 7 Parents

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Year 7 Parents Evening on Thursday 26th November 2026.

A reminder that, due to essential works being carried out on the access road into the Academy, there will be no parking available throughout the course of the evening. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Inset Day Reminder

A reminder that Friday 27th November is an INSET Day. Students will return on Monday 30th November 2026.



Key Dates For Your Diary

Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 26th November 2026	4.30pm – 7.00pm
INSET Day	Friday 27th November 2026	All Day
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 3rd December 2026	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 4th December 2026	Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10,12 & 13 to be in at 8.45am. Students in Year 11 to be in at 8.00am.
Winter Showcase	Wednesday 9th December 2026	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10th December 2026	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 11th December 2026	Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13 to be in at 8.45am. Students in Year 11 to be in at 8.00am.
Academic Awards Night	Monday 14th December 2026	5.00pm – 6.30pm
Last day of term	Friday 18th December 2026	Half day
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2027	All day

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