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Friday 16th June 2023

Message from the Principal



We had another busy week at The Elms Academy and I had the pleasure of spending more time with our Year 6 families as we met them during welcome evenings. We have such rich diversity within our wonderful school community and this is one of our greatest strengths. While we may come from different backgrounds, cultures and experiences, we are connected by our shared commitment to bring out the very best in our young people and by trying to live out our values of integrity, ambition and determination each day. Visitors notice this when they walk around the building and this week we hosted senior leaders from two United Learning schools, Salford City Academy and Ernest Bevin, which has recently joined the group. The feedback was hugely positive as they met staff, students and observed lessons.

This was the last week for Year 11 and Year 13 students who finished their public exams. I couldn't be prouder of all the determination and ambition I have witnessed, not just by students but by teachers who have pushed them that bit extra. We can now all look forward to celebrating the end of this stressful period at upcoming proms and graduation.

Here is a date for your diary: my final Parent Forum of the academic year will be held online (via Teams) on Tuesday 27th June from 6.00 - 7.00pm. It would be great to see you there so I can update you on how things have progressed since the start of the academic year as well as upcoming plans for September.



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Inspire Programme

The team from the Southbank Centre's Inspire programme have sparked some serious creativity in our Year 7 students as they continue working on their zine (a digital magazine) in response to the climate emergency. Inspire team leaders came into school so the art rooms could be used to create different pages featuring clippings, colouring, poetry and illustrations. The zines will go on display once they have been completed.



Exam Revision

The hot weather made it rather uncomfortable for everyone this week but it didn't prevent students from revising in preparation for this week's exams. One teacher was delighted to see three of her students quizzing each other on the bus ride to school. The main hall was set up for Years 7-10 & 12 exams which will continue next week so keep revising!



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Today's Student Receptionist

Every Year 8 student has the opportunity to spend one day supporting office staff in Reception. This week Nadine lent her support as our Student Receptionist. When asked about what she enjoys about the role, Nadine said "I really like helping out and getting to run errands around the school and meeting visitors as they come into the building". Nadine works at a special desk set up for our helpers and when she isn't assisting Ms Fernando and the office team, she is working on a laptop keeping up with her lessons. Nadine said her favourite subject right now is PE and she loves playing football. She joined us in Year 7 from Van Gogh Primary School and what she really likes about The Elms Academy is the people. "Everyone is so friendly and helpful".



Year 12 Trip to Queen Mary University

Queen Mary University of London held an undergraduate day where they hosted students from all over, including our very own Year 12 cohort. Teacher of Sociology, Ms Todorovac and Careers Coordinator, Ms Kotocova, led the trip and enjoyed touring the campus with students. Students met staff, current students and heard all about the curriculum.



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Year 11's Last Day

We said goodbye to our Year 11 students with a special assembly which gave students and teachers an opportunity to express their appreciation of each other. The final act for all involved was the traditional signing of school shirts. There were smiles all around as their final day of GCSEs came to an end. Celebrations will continue at prom next Friday.



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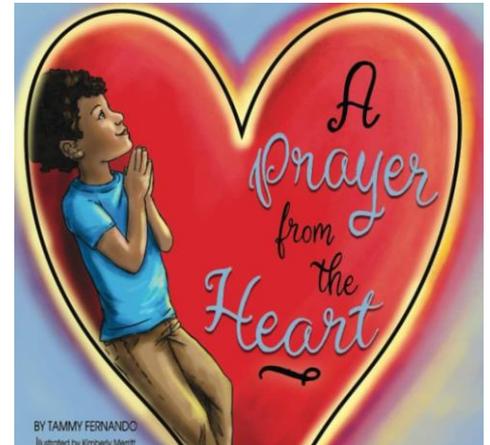
Name: Ms Tammy Fernando

Job: Receptionist

House: Thornton

Currently reading: A Little Way of Healing by Pauline Edwards.

A favourite film: I love films with romance and where people time travel! So, my most recent film that I have enjoyed watching is 'Kate and Leopold' with Meg Ryan and Hugh Jackman.



Interesting fact about me: I've recently had a book published...It's my first picture book and it's called A Prayer from the Heart. You'll find a copy in the library and it can be ordered online.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: Every day is different! I get to meet visitors and parents from all walks of life! This makes my day interesting. I also get to be part of school where teachers go the extra mile to help every student. Students don't always know the care that teachers take 'behind the scenes' to help them. I am really touched by the love that goes on in our school to make sure that students are safe and that they have the best shot at life.

Key Dates for Your Diary

| Event | Date | Time |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year 7-10 & 12 exams continue | Monday 19 th June | During the school day |
| Mrs Welch's Parent Forum (online) | Tuesday 27 th June | 6.00 – 7.00pm (via Teams) |
| Year 11 Prom | Friday 23 rd June | 6.30 – 11.30pm |
| Year 13 Graduation | Friday 7 July | 5.15 – 6.15pm |
| Year 13 Prom | Friday 7 July | 8.00 – 11.30pm |