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Friday 9th June 2023

Message from the Principal



It was great to see all our students back feeling rested and ready for all the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead during this, our final half term of the 2022-2023 academic year. For Year 11 and 13 students, public exams continued all week and we are so proud of the resilience our students are showing during this particularly demanding period. All the hard work will prove worthwhile when the envelopes with exam results are opened in August.

We held welcome back assemblies for all other year groups where we talked about upcoming end of year assessments for Years 7-10 and 12 and focussed on revision techniques. During the week there was lots of time spent outside enjoying the sunshine with enrichment clubs and also, PE lessons on Clapham Common.

Next week we are welcoming our Year 6 parents into school for their transition into Year 7 interviews. This is an exciting time as we get to know new member of The Elms Academy family.



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Year 12 Sociology Talk

Dr Jennifer Fleetwood, a senior sociology and criminology lecturer at Goldsmith's University, delivered a talk to Year 12 Sociology students about her book *Drug Mules: Women in the International Cocaine Trade*. Students were fascinated hearing all about Dr Fleetwood's experience living in Ecuador and asked her various questions relating to her research.



House Competitions

It was a week of glorious sunshine to start off the term and the perfect weather for outdoor house competitions. There was house basketball on the outdoor courts as well as table football. Boys and girls competed to gain points. With only six weeks left in the academic year, every opportunity to contribute to their house standings must be seized. There hasn't been much movement since last term so Szabo is still on top followed by Thornton, Jones and Archer.



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Best In Everyone Awards

Every year United Learning host a special evening dedicated to celebrating student and staff achievements. This year's ceremony recognising the 'Best In Everyone' will be hosted in Birmingham on Friday 30th June. We are delighted to have three winners, Year 13 students, Adzor, who will accept the Science Award and Lloyd, who will accept the Maths Awards. Finally, Teacher of History, Ms Poppy Thomas, will accept the award for ECT (Early Career Teacher) of the Year. All three are being honoured for their exceptional contributions to our school community and we congratulate them.



Enrichment Clubs

Every Monday and Thursday after school sees students involved in a wide range of activities as they take part in enrichment clubs. Teachers draw from their own hobbies and interests to run everything from games clubs, sport, drama, cooking, programming and music. Students have grown in confidence as they discover new skills and interests.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Sarpong

Job: Lead Practitioner of Business

House: Thornton

Currently reading: I am currently reading “Improving Education: A triumph of hope over experience” by Professor Robert Coe for my NPQSL.

A favourite film: CD Comic TV series (The Flash), Eat Pray Love, and The Notebook.

Interesting fact about me: I love travelling the world with my family, learning, and experiencing new cultures.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: After 14 years of teaching, I can confidently say that I have finally found a school where everything operates with remarkable smoothness and consistency. Being part of a school that prioritises student needs and continually goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that every student, regardless of their educational needs, achieves their personal best, is truly refreshing. The students’ appreciation of the quality education they receive is evident through the heartfelt appreciation cards they give their teachers, the respect they demonstrate, and their enthusiastic engagement during lessons. This accomplishment is a testament to the exemplary leadership that trusts its staff to use their initiative in providing the best education possible. Witnessing the incredible progress achieved by the leadership team, staff and students in such a short period of time is truly remarkable. Contributing to this exciting transformation and having the opportunity to positively impact the lives of our students is an absolute privilege.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
GCSE, A level exams continue Year 7-10 & 12 exams begin	Monday 12 th June	During the school day
Mrs Welch’s Parent Forum (online)	Tuesday 27 th June	6.00 – 7.00pm (via Teams)
Year 6 Welcome Meetings	Tuesday 13 th June	4.00 – 6.00pm
Year 6 Welcome Meetings	Thursday 15 th June	4.00 – 6.00pm
Year 11 Prom	Friday 23 rd June	Details TBC
Year 13 Graduation & Prom	Friday 7 July	Details TBC

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