

# The Elms Academy

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Message from the Principal



We have come to the end of another half term and what a terrific, busy, learning-focused filled six weeks it has been. Year 11 and Year 13 students have been coming in early every morning for breakfast and revision sessions and we have seen them come to the realisation that this is really it, they are in the home stretch with only two weeks of exams left to go. To that end, we are running revision sessions next week during the break for Year 11 and 13 students so please do check the timetable with your child and ensure they are in school for these critical classes. I'd like to thank in advance, all teachers who will be giving up time during their half term holiday to help our students achieve the best possible results.

This term, in keeping with our commitment to providing 'education with character', we continued with weekly enrichment clubs, a range of exciting school trips, sporting competitions and house activities. These have all exposed our young people to numerous opportunities to continue learning and growing outside of the classroom.

I hope everyone has a restful break and a chance to switch off and enjoy the warmer weather. For Year 7 – 10 and Year 12 students, please ensure they are making time each day to revise so when they return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, they will be ready to sit exams beginning the week 12<sup>th</sup> June. Take care.



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## Dino Fest Music Trip

Music students went to the Southbank Centre, to hear the BBC National Orchestra of Wales perform the new soundtrack to the new series of Prehistoric Planet which returned to Apple TV on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Along with some fantastic videos of dinosaurs, there was a Q&A with the director and lead palaeontologist afterwards. A few very confident students raised their hands to ask questions ('How did you get into this industry and what subjects did you study at school?'). It was amazing opportunity for students to experience two things they really love; music and dinosaurs!



## Year 10 Rank Order

It was time for Year 10 rank order and students gathered around the posters displayed in the atrium to find out where they ranked amongst their peers. There was generally a feeling that their ranking reflected the work they've put in so very few tears. And our students know that there is always an opportunity for improvement & to move up the ranking!



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### Harlequin FC Rugby Festival

Trainers from Harlequins rugby club have been working with many of our boys and developing their skills in the scrum. Committed players were invited to a rugby festival at Old Alleynian's RFC in Dulwich. There they competed in the Lambeth London State Schools Rugby 7s Competition. At the end of the day the boys were awarded the Seb's Foundation trophy for their demonstration of rugby talent and values. Well done to Mr Assan and the Year 9 & 10 boys who took part.



### Girl's Cricket in PE

Team PE have partnered with the Ace Programme, a charity whose aim is to support diverse talent from the grassroots to the elite. Ace have cricket coaches who have been coming in weekly to introduce our girls to this popular British pastime. The girls have been learning the rules and practicing the basic skills with great enthusiasm.



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### Year 12 Business Workshop

Year 12 Business students attended a workshop delivered by a team of professionals from Magnetic, an innovation and design consultancy. The students heard about some interesting career journeys and had a taste of what it's like to be a Magnetic consultant when they were tasked to come up with creative solutions to a business problem. The workshop was a great way to motivate students to apply for a 2-week work experience that Magnetic are running in July.



### Year 9 Fabulous Fridays

The last day of term was another Fabulous Friday, this time for Year 9 students who were invited to show their books to Sixth Form student leaders. Those students with enough confidence to display their excellent work were given a special postcard and pen. This is another way we recognise the hard work students are putting into their school books.



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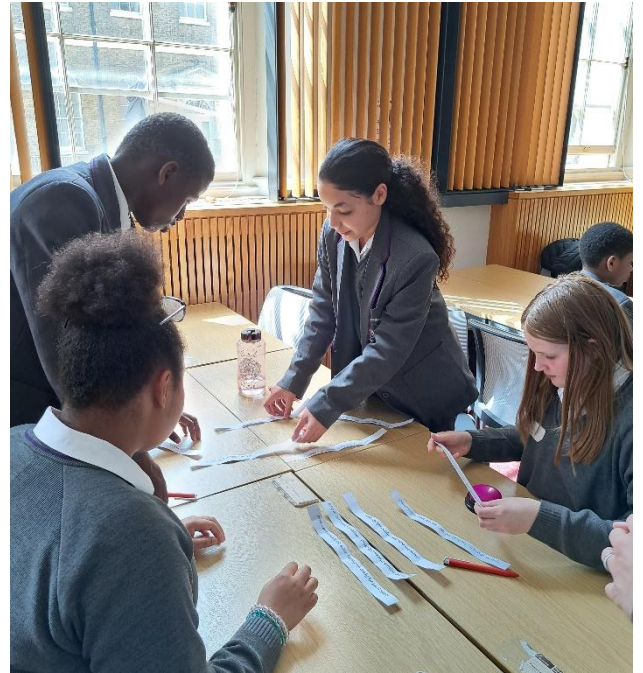
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### King's Scholars Trip

The Year 8 King's Scholars attended Spring Up, a subject taster day at King's College London. In the morning, the students had a hands-on workshop with King's medical students where they learned about the respiratory system and created their own lung models. After a lunch in the sunny courtyard, the Scholars attended a fascinating workshop on Psychology where they learned about strategies to maximise their memory.



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### Getting to Know You

**Name:** Mr Saba Sardar

**Job:** Teacher of Science

**House:** Archer

**Currently reading:** Witness by Alex Wheatle. This book is a thrilling, fast-paced story that is full of moral complexity and gives the reader an insight into gang life and violence.

**A favourite film:** A film I really like is Prisoners from 2013. It's about two little girls that go missing and the detective who is on the case to find them.

**Interesting fact about me:** I can eat a lot of hazelnut chocolate and I love playing football.

**What I like about working at The Elms Academy:** The staff and students here are very friendly, kind, and funny. I won't be surprised if some of our students choose a career path related to stand-up comedy.



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8.20am
GCSE and A level Public Exams continue	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	During the school day
Mrs Welch's Parent Forum (online)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 – 7.00pm (via Teams)
Year 6 Welcome Meetings	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00 – 6.00pm
Year 6 Welcome Meetings	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00 – 6.00pm
Year 11 Prom	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Details TBC
Year 13 Graduation & Prom	Friday 7 July	Details TBC

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