# Message from our Principal

It's been another fantastic week at The Elms Academy, and I would like to start by congratulating our Year 11 and Year 13 students on the way they have approached their AP1 exams. They have demonstrated real ambition, determination and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of the resilience and positivity they have shown throughout the exam period. We wish them every success as exams continue next week.

It has also been wonderful to see students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 continuing to engage so positively with their learning. Across the academy, classrooms have been full of excellent teaching, high levels of participation and students committed to making the most of every lesson.

Thank you, too, for your continued support in maintaining strong attendance. Every day in school matters, and your partnership plays a vital role in helping students make the best possible progress.

Beyond the classroom, students have enjoyed a wide range of enrichment opportunities this week. Highlights included a Year 12 workshop at the Old Vic Theatre, the launch of the Invision programme, participation in the Urban Debaters project, Into University workshops for Key Stage 3 students, visits to the Lambeth Careers Fair, the House of Commons and the V&A Museum.

A particular highlight was our Year 9 History trip to the battlefields, which coincided with our Remembrance commemorations. For many students, visiting the battlefields, memorials and graves of those who lost their lives brings history to life in a way that cannot be replicated in the classroom. It is a deeply meaningful and often powerful experience, helping students to develop a greater understanding of the human cost of conflict and the sacrifices made by previous generations. Students also attended a special Remembrance assembly and observed the national two-minute silence with great respect and maturity.

Looking ahead, Year 11 and Year 13 students will continue their AP1 exams next week. We also look forward to welcoming Year 7 families to Parents' Evening on Thursday 26th November. This is an important opportunity to discuss how students have settled into secondary school, celebrate successes and identify ways we can continue to support their progress together.

A reminder that next week is Time Back Week for staff, so there will be no Year 11 Masterclasses or Key Stage 3 enrichment sessions after school.



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

Amy Welch

# Maths World Trip





Across two Wednesday afternoons, all Year 7 students were given the opportunity to visit MathsWorld and explore mathematics beyond the classroom. Through interactive puzzles, code-breaking activities and riddles, students put their problem-solving skills to the test and discovered how maths appears in everyday life.

The visits offered plenty of opportunities for curiosity and teamwork. Students worked together to tackle challenges, share ideas and consider different approaches to finding a solution. The activities encouraged them to think creatively, explain their reasoning and recognise the value of learning from one another.

A particular highlight was exploring codes and encryption, helping students understand how mathematics plays a role in protecting digital information and keeping our online lives secure. These connections brought the subject to life, showing that the skills developed in maths lessons have applications far beyond the classroom.

Throughout both afternoons, students displayed great integrity and represented the school proudly. It was wonderful to see them approaching unfamiliar problems with enthusiasm and supporting their peers along the way.

Well done to Year 7 for making the most of this opportunity. The visits were a fantastic celebration of curiosity, problem-solving and teamwork, and a chance to experience the enjoyment of discovering maths together.



# Remembrance Day














The Elms Academy came together for a whole-school Remembrance Assembly to honour and remember those who have lost their lives in conflict. During the assembly, Broc delivered a moving reading of In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

Mr Blakey played the Last Post, marking the beginning and end of the two-minute silence, as our school community came together to reflect, remember and pay their respects.

# Football Fixtures

## Year 8 & 9 Girls

We played Elmsgreen and won 6-0.

I think the team played really well. We worked together, and it was actually nice.

I think the key moment was when we got our 6 goals and knew we would win.

I think Jasmine should be Player of the Match. She performed really well and was helping the team significantly.

We have moved on to the next match and will be playing on the 8th of December against Oasis Academy.

Report written by Evie, Year 8



# Important Reminder

Please note the following changes to our after-school provision:

- KS3 Enrichment Clubs: There will be no enrichment clubs running on Monday 16th November.

- Year 11 Masterclasses: There will be no Masterclasses running from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November.

## *Key Dates* For Your Diary

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| 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 |
| Winter Showcase | Wednesday 9th December 2026 | 5.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Year 13 Parents' Evening | Thursday 10th December 2026 | 4.30pm – 7.00pm |
| 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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