

# The Elms Academy

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16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Message from the Principal



It has been another productive week at The Elms Academy. Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students on successfully completing their latest exams. With just two weeks remaining until AP2 assessments, students across other year groups are demonstrating strong commitment and a clear focus on improving their rank order. Our revision launch was well received, and students should now be using their checklists to guide their preparation. At this critical stage, consistent attendance remains essential—thank you for your continued support.

This week, our usual vibrant programme of KS3 enrichment clubs continued, offering students exciting opportunities beyond the classroom. We also enjoyed welcoming visiting professors from Beijing University, which was a brilliant experience for students and staff. They were full of praise for our school, and our students and enjoyed their visit very much. On Friday, our girls' rugby team will head out on a special trip to see the Women's World Cup trophy — a fantastic opportunity to inspire our young athletes. A huge thank you to all staff who have been working hard to organise trips and opportunities that broaden our students' horizons.

We know how busy this time of year can be, so thank you for the continued support you give your children at home. Encouraging good revision habits, celebrating effort, and keeping routines consistent can make a real difference. Whether it's helping them stick to their revision checklist, making sure they get enough rest, or just offering a few encouraging words, your role is key. Working together, we can ensure every student feels supported and ready to succeed.

Finally, a reminder that **our next online Parent Forum will take place on Monday 19th May**. I've sent out a Microsoft Form where you can share any questions or topics you'd like me to cover in advance. There will also be a chance to ask questions live on the night. When schools and families work in partnership, students thrive — so we'd love to see as many of you join us as possible.

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### Whole School Assembly

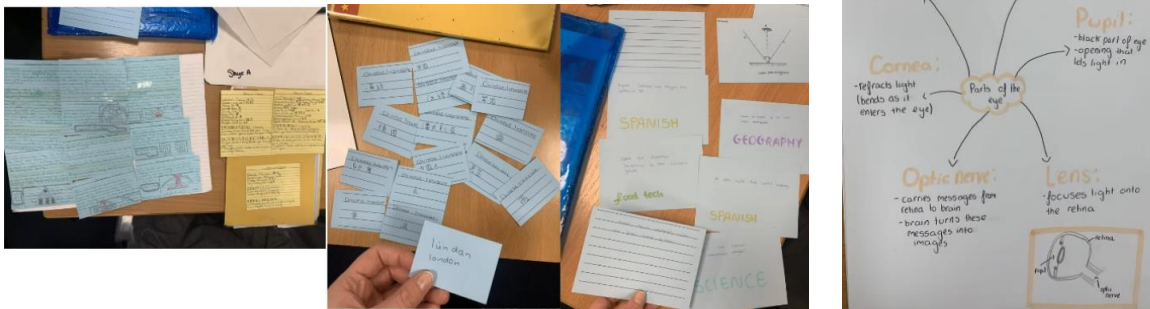
With KS3 and Year 12 AP2 exams starting on 9<sup>th</sup> June, our focus this week has been on exam preparation.

Here are some key tips on active revision:

- Make flash cards
- Use mind maps
- Complete past papers
- Use Revision checklist which are available on Show My Homework
- Complete homework as this will be revision based

Maintain a healthy lifestyle:

- Ensure you have a balanced diet with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables
- Avoid sugary snacks or processed foods
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated
- Get at least 8 hours sleep a night to recharge your brain



### Revision checklists



YOU NEED TO KNOW		100% Short Section	R	A	G
What are the features of the drainage basin?		A			
How does a river change from source to mouth?		B			
How does a river erode?		C			
What are the features of the upper course? Formation of a waterfall.		BD			
What are the features of the middle course? Formation of a meander.		BD			
What are the features of the lower course? Formation of a floodplain and levees.		BD			
What other processes take place along the river course?		D			
What processes take place in the drainage basin?		H			
What were the human and physical causes of flooding in their Volcanic, Boscastle?		I			
What were effects of flooding in Boscastle?		I			
What were the responses to flooding in Boscastle?		I			

Hard work beats talent when  
talent doesn't work hard.

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### Year 7 Art lesson

This week Year 7 worked on a collaborative artwork to complete their Hundertwasser Unit. It was wonderful to see them working in pairs to discuss colour schemes and design choices, before producing a wax resist landscape using oil pastels and watercolour. They made a beautiful start, and we can't wait to see the finished outcomes next week!



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### Beijing University Visit

We were delighted to welcome professors from Beijing University this week. They met with students to share their experience of education. Visitors and staff all enjoyed the visit.



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### Summer Festival

Students are invited to join up for our Summer Festival which will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Members of the Music Department or the Sixth Form Arts Captains will be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part.

Further details of the festival will be available nearer the time. We look forward to celebrating the wide variety of talent we have at the academy and to seeing you all there.



### SUMMER FESTIVAL

Preparations are now underway for our  
SUMMER FESTIVAL (1st July)

If you would like to perform, please see  
a member of the Music Department or  
our 6F Arts Captains.

### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	All Week
Summer Festival	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Last day of term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	



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