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Friday 21st October 2022

Message from the Principal



During the month of October we focused on Black History. In assemblies and tutor time we shared stories and reflected on inspirational black individuals. We also discussed the contributions our young people can make to ensure a Black British future. The rich diversity in our school (we have over 60 nationalities!) has always been one of our strengths and this week we celebrated cultural diversity with our International Evening. We came together as a as a community and celebrated with music and food from all over the world. Mr Wilson brought his famous jerk chicken and other members of staff and families shared food from their home countries. Our students led the way by sharing their journeys on displays in the atrium and kicking off the evening with an uplifting performance with local musicians from Kinetika Bloco. It was a wonderful evening and I'm grateful to everyone who contributed to making it such a success.

This week we had confirmation of our Progress 8 score by the Department of Education. I am thrilled to share that The Elms Academy Progress 8 score puts up in the top 6% of schools in the country and first in the borough of Lambeth. This is proof that all the hard work and effort is paying off and we are truly on our way towards becoming an outstanding school.

Next week is half term and I encourage everyone to relax and recharge in readiness for term 2. Year 10, 11 and 13 students will be spending some time revising in preparation for their first round of mocks from 14 November. We look forward to seeing **all students back in school on Tuesday 1st November.**



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Parent Survey

United Learning's annual Parent Survey is going live on Monday 31st October. A link will be emailed to all families on that date and the survey will close on the 2nd of December. This is an opportunity for you to let us know what we are doing well, what we can improve and share any other feedback in a confidential way.



Cultural Diversity Week

Every year group was encouraged to share their families' journey with a story, poem or art. Year 11 GCSE art students produced some incredible portraits while students in Years 7 – 10 told stories. Sixth Form students created print outs with their stories and it all made for a wonderful and informative display during cultural diversity week.



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International Evening

Our school community came together on this special evening to celebrate cultural diversity and share music and cuisine from all over the world. The musical performances were uplifting and the food was delicious. It was an evening of socialising and celebrating.



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Portrait of Mr Wilson

Head of Art, Mrs Smyth and Year 13 artist Scarlett Tester collaborated to produce this incredible portrait of Mr Wilson. The unveiling took place during the International Evening and needless to say Mr Wilson was thrilled. He has plans to hang the portrait in his office at The Hurlingham Academy.



Own Clothes Day for Charity

The end of term 1 saw students (and teachers) walking through the school gates carrying flags from their home countries, wearing traditional clothing or simply dressed in their own casual clothing. Students and staff paid £2 towards charity (to be decided before the holidays). It was fun seeing all the different outfits on parade.



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Year 11 Basketball Team Win Against Trinity Academy

The Year 11 basketball team carry on their winning form and defeated Oasis Academy in a pre-season friendly 54 – 26. Once again every member of the team contributed with excellent defence, points, assists and rebounds. The season starts after half term and the boys will be playing at least 6 other schools in the Lambeth League.



Year 7 Football Team Wins Season Opener

Teacher of PE and Football Coach, Mr Assan has done a terrific job getting our Year 7 boys ready for the Lambeth Schools' Football Competition. There is no shortage of talent on this team and they got their first win (6-2) against neighbours Trinity Academy on a sunny day on Clapham Common. Congratulations!



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Getting to Know You

Name: Mr Ian Rumble

Job: Cover Supervisor

Currently reading: I just finished *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey, highlighting useful qualities in a challenging world. I also just started *Musical Truth* by Jeffrey Boakye, a musical journey through the history of modern Black Britain.

A favourite film / series: *When We Were Kings* is a documentary film about major artists from 60's and 70's, traveling to Africa for one of the best concerts ever! Alongside one of the best boxing matches ever, *Rumble in The Jungle – Muhammad Ali vs George Foreman*.

Interesting fact about me: I am really into creating and listening to music when I have time. I also like photography and reading.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I don't like working here...I LOVE it! I work with so many amazing people...teachers, support staff and the students here really are the best.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 7 & Year 8 Enrichment	Mondays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 9 & Year 10 Enrichment	Thursdays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Half Term	Mon 24 th Oct – Fri 28 th October	-
Staff Inset Day	Monday 31 st October	No school
Start of Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November	All students back
Year 10 GCSE Evening	Wednesday 2 nd November	5.00 – 5.45pm
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 1 st December	5.00 – 6.00pm