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Friday 7th October 2022

Message from the Principal



It was another busy week, made more so by the number of Year 5 and 6 families who came to our Open Mornings. We have had a really good turn out and our open events will take place every morning next week from 9.00 – 12.00 noon. Our student ambassadors continue to impress with their knowledge and the pride they show in talking about our achievements and their experiences at the academy. During the tours, visitors got to see our Year 7 Chinese students saying complete phrases in Chinese, Year 8s drummers playing in synch, and of course our Year 11 students engaged and focussed in their learning. I am really pleased with all the progress which has been made after 5 weeks of lessons.

On Wednesday we hosted a Year 11 Final Push evening and it was gratifying to see so many of you in attendance. As I said in my presentation, we know how to bring out the very best in your child so if we all work together, we can ensure they get the best results possible next summer. We recognise that we ask a lot of our students but we would be doing them a disservice if we lowered our expectations just because we thought it was too much pressure. As our previous Year 11 cohort showed, all the extra hours of independent study and intervention paid off brilliantly and with this year group, we expect even more because we have made adjustments like wellbeing Tuesdays and optional morning study. We still have a lot of celebrate following our launch and I hope you have all put our International Evening in your diary as we expect it will be even bigger than last year's successful event. I am keen to establish a 'Friends of The Elms Academy' group who would meet with me regularly and brainstorm other events that would bring our school community together.



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GCSE Geography Trip

The morning dawned clear and sunny, the perfect conditions for a trip to the seaside. Head of Geography Ms Perry and her team took our GCSE geographers to Walton-on-the-Neize in Essex so they could investigate coastal erosion.



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Join Friends of The Elms Academy

We are seeking members of our community who would be willing to meet with Mrs Welch and help brainstorm ideas for future events, support at these events and act as a link to our families. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of The Elms Academy, please contact Mrs Welch's assistant, Ms Nugent-Whittle: cnugent-whittle@theelmsacademy.org.uk



Coffee Morning for Year 5 & 6 Parents Looking at Secondary Schools



We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the Year 5 and Year 6 families who have been visiting us during our Open Mornings. For those parents who still have questions, Mrs Welch is hosting a **Coffee Morning on Tuesday 18th October from 9.30 – 11.00am**. This is an informal morning where parents can come along for coffee or tea and a slice of cake and chat with Mrs Welch about their child's journey through secondary school.

A link to RSVP has been posted on The Elms Academy social media (@TheElmsAcademy on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook). Please do encourage anyone you know considering The Elms Academy for their child to come along.

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International Evening

In celebration of our wonderfully diverse community, we are hosting an evening featuring cuisine from all over the world, courtesy of our staff and families. There will also be live music provided by our talented students. Put the date in your diary and start planning your menu. A letter was sent out with all the details.



THE ELMS
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**INTERNATIONAL
EVENING**

Wednesday 19th Oct 2022 - 5.00pm

Year 8 Student Receptionists

Each academic year our Year 8 students volunteer as Student Receptionists. In this role they assist our Receptionist Ms Fernando and other members of the office team who may need support during the work day. It's an opportunity for our young people to make a contribution to their school as well as gain valuable work experience.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Mr Mark Nembhard

Job: Operations Manager

Currently reading: The Caves of Steel by Isaac Asimov. If you like science fiction, his books are fantastic. One of his popular books I, Robot was made into a successful film

A favourite film / series: There's a film I like called Leon, it's a classic. The series Banshee is a really entertaining crime thriller.

Interesting fact about me: I committed to learning Urdu and while it was very challenging, it was really satisfying when I went travelling and was able to use it in conversations with locals.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: Every single day is different and has it's own challenges and rewards. Everyone here is friendly and supportive and the academy has a great atmosphere which makes it a nice place to work.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Open Mornings all week	Mon 10 th Oct – Fri 14 th October	9.00 – 12.00 noon
Year 7 & Year 8 Enrichment	Mondays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 9 & Year 10 Enrichment	Thursdays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 12 & 13 Information Evening	Thursday 13 th October	5.00 – 6.00pm
Grammar Stream Evening	Thursday 13 th October	5.30 – 6.15pm
International Evening	Wednesday 19 th October	5.00 – 7.00pm