

# The Elms Academy

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Friday 18th November 2022

## Message from the Principal



Our first week of mock exams ended well with Year 10, 11 and 13 students determined to do their very best. We know that this first round of mocks can feel rather daunting but I have reminded students that this is a good opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with exam conditions and find out what they know and where the gaps are in their learning. Once the exams have been marked, they will receive valuable feedback from teachers on what they can do to improve for Mocks 2, which take place during term 4.

The Sixth Form had a very busy week with students running lunchtime events, taking part in the COP26 summit, and being interviewed for their Motiv8 mentors. **Our Sixth Form Open Evening is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5.00 – 6.00pm** so please put the date in your diary if you have a child in Year 11.

I want to make you aware of a planning application which was submitted to the council by Lambeth College. They are seeking to redevelop their current site and the noise from the demolition and construction work will affect the English and Maths classrooms. I am currently speaking to the council about our objections and the negative impact it will have on our students. If you would like to express your objections, please email the planning office directly on [planning@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lambeth.gov.uk) and put **Lambeth College Redevelopment in the subject line**.

Finally, another plea to please share your feedback with us by completing our Parent Survey. If you are having trouble accessing the link, do contact the school.



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### Year 13 Cake Sale for Children in Need

Head of Business, Mr Falana, and his Year 13 BTEC Business students organised a bake sale during the lunch break to raise funds for Children in Need. It proved very popular with students who were happy to donate for a good cause, especially when cake is involved.



### Year 13 Football Challenge

As part of the BTEC Business course work, students were tasked with organising, promoting and running an event during the school day. Keen Year 13 footballers ran a 'keepie-uppie' challenge which drew a crowd. Year 11 Jaydon put on a masterclass in keeping the ball in the air for an extended period of time.





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### Sixth Form Motiv8 Mentoring

The Sixth Form partners with the National Audit Office so students can take part in their Motiv8 mentoring scheme. Students are paired with a mentor from a wide range of professions. This week students had their first interview so they can be matched with mentors who will support them as they work towards their A levels / BTEC qualifications.



### Creativity in A Level Art Class

There is no end of artistic talent at The Elms Academy and our A level artists have impressed new art teachers Ms Salvatore and Ms Meira. They are working hard on their portfolios and pieces that will eventually be displayed in the end of academic year art showcase.





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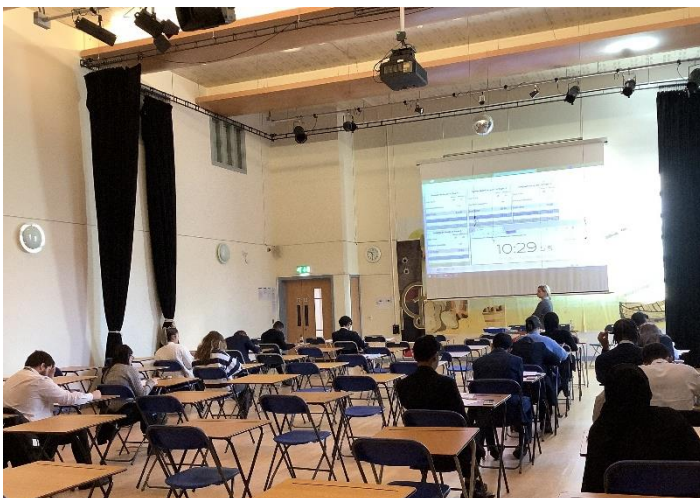
### House Drawing Competition

Our new house captains Mr Lye, Ms Thomas, Mr O'Brien and Mr Assan, spent their lunch break posing for our student artists in this term's first house drawing competition. It was a bit like Portrait Artist of the Year but with a lot more enthusiasm and energy as students gathered around to chat with their peers and admire their work.



### First Week of Mock Exams

The first week of mock exams came to a close on Friday and students were relieved to have gotten through it. There were early morning revision sessions in the canteen, one-to-one sessions with teachers and a lot encouraging words from Heads of Years, tutors and Mrs Welch. Keep up the good work!



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### Getting to Know You

**Name:** Ms Abigail Osborne

**Job:** Head of Year 7, Teacher of Science

**House:** Jones

**Currently reading:** I am reading Atomic Habits. It is a book that is teaching me how small changes in our lives can lead to big impacts in the future.

**A favourite film:** I really like documentaries, especially any documentary by Louis Theroux. He is an incredible journalist who has interviewed lots of interesting people and visited some unusual places.

**Interesting fact about me:** I did my degree in Forensic Science, which is a type of science used by the police to solve crimes – it was really interesting.

**What I like about working at The Elms Academy:** Everyone here is so friendly and supportive. It is a fantastic community to be a part of. I also really enjoy working with our incredible Year 7 students.



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Mock exams for Year 10, 11, 13	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	During the school day
Staff Inset Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	No school
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	5.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Golden postcard trip	During the school day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Rewards trip	During the school day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch at school	1.05pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2	Dismissal time to be confirmed