

# The Elms Academy

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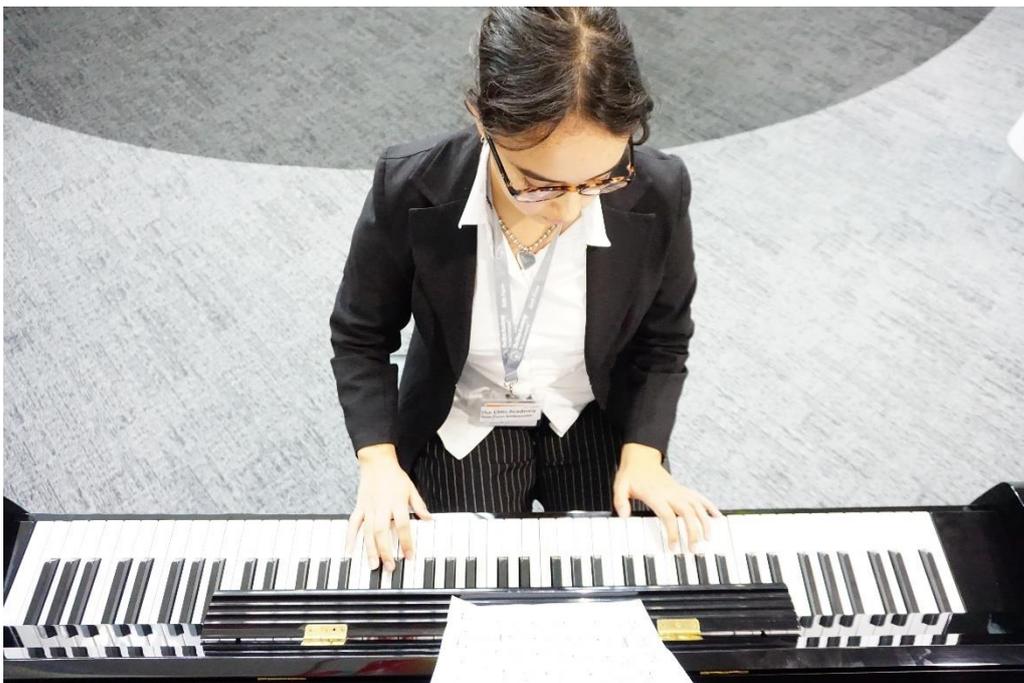
Friday 30th September 2022

## Message from the Principal



This week we held our first Open Evening as The Elms Academy. After the excitement and positive buzz following our launch event, it was gratifying to see so many families touring the school and taking part in all the activities put on by each department. The feedback was fantastic and our visitors were blown away by their student tour guides and everything they saw. It really was a team effort and I want to thank all our whole school community from students, teaching staff, the office, IT, catering, facilities and housekeeping. We came together and showed the school at its very best and we know how important that is given all the choice Year 6 families have. Open Mornings will continue over the next two weeks (from 9.00 – 12 noon) and it will be great for families to see the school as we really are during a typical day.

On a serious note, we know that many families are facing financial pressures as a result of the increasing cost of living. There are a number of organisations who are able to provide direct advice and support, or to signpost families towards sources of help. We will be sharing a handout with this information in a separate email next week so please look out of it. We weathered the pandemic together and we will do everything we can to support each other during these difficult times.



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### Open Evening

It was a wonderful evening with something for everyone. There was music and art in the atrium, a murder mystery in English, experiments in Science, logic puzzles in Maths and much more. Families enjoyed speaking directly to students about what they enjoy most in school. There was also a talk by Mr Wilson and Mrs Welch in the Main Hall. Open Mornings continue next week and during the week 10<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00 – 12.00 noon.



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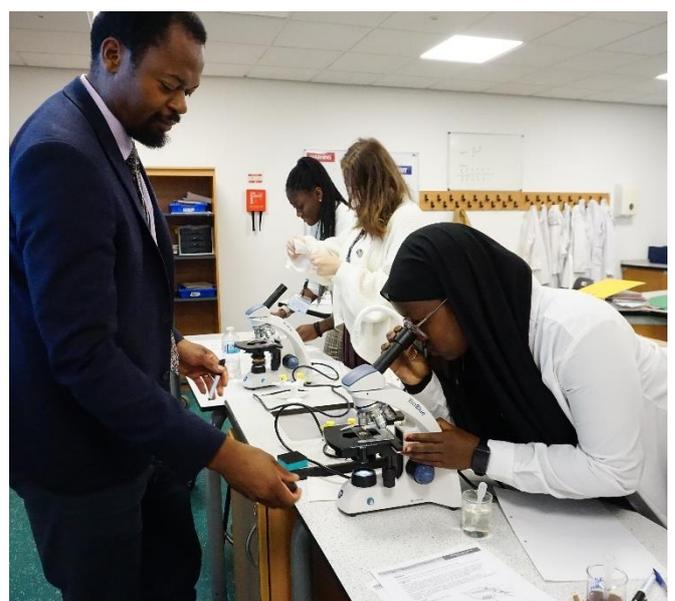
## Bugsy Malone Audition

Calling all students! Auditions for Bugsy Malone are Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 – 4.30pm. If being the star of the show isn't for you, we need talent behind the scenes to help with sound, lighting, costumes and during rehearsals. Speak to Drama teacher Mr O'Brien if you have any questions.



## Year 13 Biology Practical

This week our ambitious Year 13 biologists explored the effects of caffeine on the heart rate of fruit flies (Daphnia). Head of Science, Mr Okojie is pleased with the hard work he sees every day from these determined young people.



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### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Staff showed their support for people with cancer by organising a coffee morning in the staff room. It was a bit like the British Bake off with all the delicious cakes, brownies, cookies and cupcakes on sale. Staff had a chance to chat over coffee and cake and in the process raised over £250 for this worthy cause.



### Making Music

Head of Music, Ms Haworth and her team have had a busy start of term. First there were preparations for performances during the launch event and then music for our Open Evening. We are fortunate to have so many talented musicians in the school and all will be gearing up to prepare at our upcoming International Evening in October.



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### Getting to Know You

**Name:** Mr Luis Martin

**Job:** Assistant IT Manager

**Currently reading:** The Mamba Mentality by Kobe Bryant

**A favourite film / series:** Remember the Titans and The Last Dance

**Interesting fact about me:** Back in 2010 I went to football matches in over ten of Europe's top football stadiums (including Camp Nou in Barcelona, San Siro in Milan, Parc de Princes in Paris, Amsterdam Arena in Amsterdam, and many more).

**What I like about working at The Elms Academy:** I enjoy the friendly atmosphere at The Elms Academy and the lovely staff and students.



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Open Mornings all week	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> October Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 – 12.00 noon
Year 7 & Year 8 Enrichment	Mondays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 11 Final Push Evening	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00 – 6.00pm
Bugsy Malone auditions	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 9 & Year 10 Enrichment	Thursdays	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 12 & 13 Information Evening	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00 – 6.00pm
International Evening	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00 – 7.00pm