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Friday 28th April 2023

Message from the Principal



We have had another fantastic week at The Elms Academy and the countdown to exams for Year 11 and 13 is always on our minds! This week some Year 11 students had their GCSE language speaking exams and all their hard work paid off with some excellent performances. Year 13 students are completely focussed in lessons and independent study as they count down the days to their first A level exam. Students have been given their cram schedules and Mr Aung shared important information and exam preparation tips during the Year 11 Exams Essential evening. I would like to thank all parents who attended. It was great to be able to share ideas about how you can best support your children at home at this crucial time. The whole school has come together to support our young people and we know all the hard work will pay off come results day in the summer. For the rest of the school there were workshops, more trips and experiences to stretch them and develop their skills.

A reminder that Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday so there is no school and Tuesday 2nd May is an NEU teacher's strike. Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will be in school while Years 8, 9 and 10 will be learning remotely at home. A letter outlining the schedule for the day will be emailed to all families so please do check your messages and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.



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MFL Trip to British Museum

On Tuesday morning the Year 9 Mandarin class braved the morning Northern Line to visit the China and South Asia room of the British Museum in central London. Students received a tour of the collection, which spans 7,000 years of Chinese art and culture, with highlights including tomb figurines, painted scrolls and modern works of art. At the end of the tour, our students gave a card to the guide, Ms Gong, as an appreciation gift. After an activity which saw them competing to find various items, students paired up to practise their Mandarin on Chinese visitors, who were surprised and impressed! The morning finished with a bubble tea.



Year 7 Writing Excellence

This week we were delighted to find out that some of our Year 7 students who entered a national creative writing competition have been selected to be published! The students were asked to write a short story of exactly 100 words inspired by the theme of numbers. Well done to Maryann, Cole, David, Joshua, Cameron and Tyron for impressing the judges with their excellent stories!



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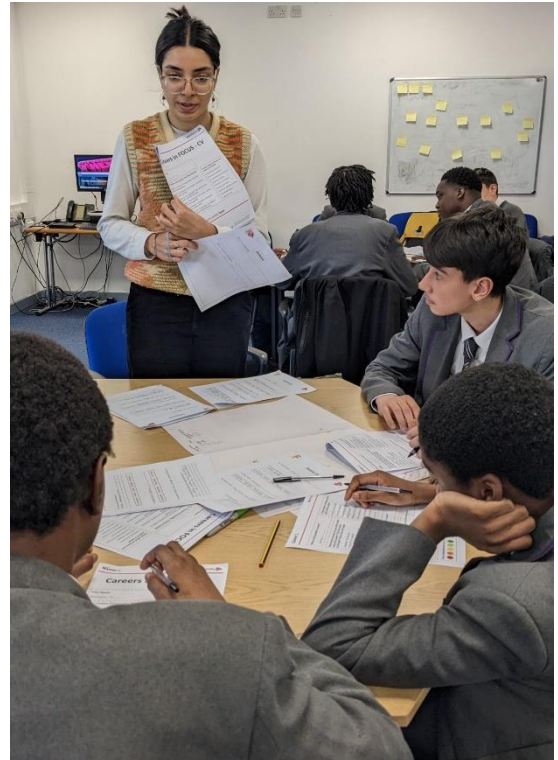
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IntoUniversity Career in Focus

Our wonderful partners from IntoUniversity ran two workshops this week for Year 9 students. In the first workshop volunteers from the BBC's Operations group came in to talk about what it's like producing programming for the BBC. Students imagined what it was like working in a newsroom and were tasked with creating a promotion for a newsworthy event. The second workshop was delivered by engineers from Openreach and was very hands on. Students learned more about careers in engineering and then they learned how to connect fibre-optic cables!



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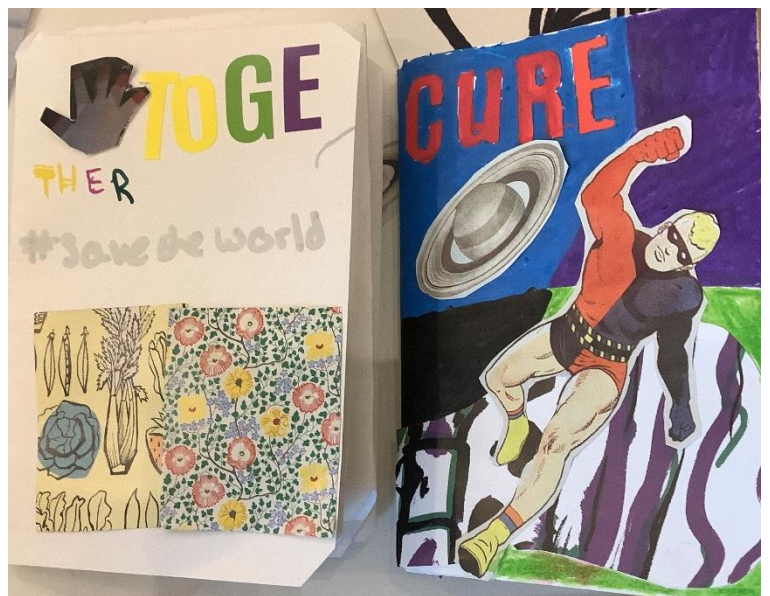
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Inspire Schools Programme

The Southbank Centre is a hub of culture and creativity and also home to the Inspire Schools Programme. A group of Year 7 students taking part in the programme were invited in for a workshop to create their own zine, powered by Apple kit and technology and introducing the principles of graphic design. The first of four workshops focussed on students' creative skills as they started putting together their zine concepts around climate change.



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Year 9 Visit to Covington & Burling Law Firm

As the final part of IntoUniversity Careers in Focus week a group of Year 9 students visited the prestigious law firm Covington & Burling in the City. Lawyers from the firm explained the different areas of law and then worked with students on a task where students helped a potential client set up a new business. It was an incredible experience.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Lia Todorova

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Currently reading: The Laws of Human Nature by Robert Greene. It's a great book about why people do what they do and advice on how to use this understanding to improve our relationships at home, at work and in life.

A favourite film / series: Hidden, a Welsh series about a murder.

Interesting fact about me: I also work for Mr Wilson at The Hurlingham Academy in Parsons Green so it can be challenging working across two school but I enjoy it.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I really like that there is a sense of community here and that there is a mixture of many different, beautiful cultures.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May	---
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 4 th May	4.30 – 7.00pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May	No school
GCSE and A level Public Exams begin	Monday 15 th May	During the school day
Half Term	Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	---
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 th June	All students back