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Friday 7th July 2023

Message from the Principal



It was another incredibly busy seven days, with a weekend residential for our Duke of Edinburgh students and trips going out daily to Eastbourne and The Royal Courts of Justice, just to name a few. There were plenty of other opportunities for our young people to showcase their talents, whether it was performing in MUSICfest at Fairfield Halls or during the Year 9 graduation ceremony. I am very proud of our Year 9 cohort who have worked very hard to meet the expectations we have of them for when they begin Year 10 in September. This will be a critical year as their course workload increases in preparation for GCSEs.

Friday evening we said 'good bye' to our wonderful Year 13 students with a graduation ceremony followed by Prom. They were a special year group who flourished under the guidance of Mrs White, Dr McDougal and Mr Hemming. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them again on A level results day in August.

Next week students are off timetable for our Cultural Capital Week, Year 10/12 Work Experience and of course Sports Day on Wednesday 12th July. Information has been shared with you by email and do please contact the school with any questions.



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Duke of Edinburgh Trip

Year 9 students successfully completed their Bronze practice expedition. They learnt to cook, pitch tents, navigate using maps and learnt the countryside code. They worked as a team and overcame obstacles throughout both days. They are ready for their Qualifying expedition in two weeks.



MUSICfest Cluster Performance

United Learning organised this group wide event and the music department put in a lot of overtime as they prepared students for a big performance with students from Paddington Academy and The Hurlingham Academy. There was a full day of practice together at The Hurlingham Academy and then Ms Haworth hosted the two schools for a final day of rehearsing here. The performance at Fairfield Halls was brilliant and all were so proud to have been part of this event.



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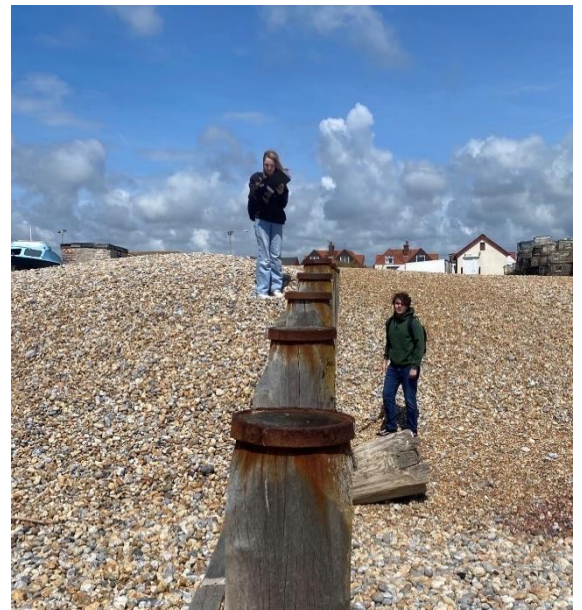
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Year 12 Geography & Biology Trip

The weather cooperated for our Year 12 geographers and biologists who made the two-hour trip by coach to Eastbourne. Once there, students practiced and evaluated data collection methods in preparation for their A-level coursework. The biology students spent most of their time investigating plant succession and identifying plant species found along the beach. It was an incredibly useful day trip for both subjects.



Year 12 Trip to the Royal Courts of Justice

Year 12 Sociology students visited the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey in London. They were given a fascinating tour of this very historic building and had plenty of opportunities to ask questions of their guide. They then sat in on an interesting criminal case at a Crown Court and the Courts of Appeal. It was another amazing enrichment experience for our Sixth Form students.



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Year 13 Graduation and Prom

Head of Sixth Form, Mr Hemming, hosted a wonderful evening of celebrating the many highlights and accomplishments of the young people graduating from the Sixth Form. The class of 2023 turned up and showed out in some stylish outfits as they took the stage to accept their diplomas. Afterwards, there was enough time for some to dress into more formal attire for Prom. It was the perfect evening to sit on the balcony overlooking the cricket green and raise a toast to the end of a memorable Sixth Form experience. Best wishes to all our Year 13 students for their future endeavours.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Isabel Alvarez Balboa

Job: Teacher of Spanish

House: Jones

Currently reading: Portuguese grammar (nothing too exciting). I want to improve my Portuguese because I travel a lot to Portugal. The country is beautiful, the food is amazing and cheap!

A favourite film: Cool Runnings. I discovered this film three years ago and it makes me laugh and persevere in my goals.

Interesting fact about me: I love cycling, sea sports (swimming, canoeing, rowing) and meditation. I also enjoy having conversations with my friends.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I love the staff here because everyone is kind and friendly and always ready to support you. If you need help with anything, they are always there to give you advice and help you. Furthermore, the senior leaders listen to you and provide the best coaching adapted and tailored to your needs, also considering your suggestions.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Work Experience Week, Year 10	10 th July to 14 th July	During the school day
Sports Day	Wednesday 12 th July	During the school day
Cultural Capital Trips	Thursday 13 th July	During the school day
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Rewards trip to BFI IMAX	Tuesday 18 th July	During the school day
Last day of Term 6	Friday 21 st July	Time to be confirmed
Summer holiday	Mon 24 th July – Tues 5 th Sept	---