

# The Elms Academy

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to update you on some recent events and important information as we approach the final two-weeks of term.

Firstly, after a rather cold and wet start to the week, we are finally experiencing better weather and sunshine. This has meant more students are venturing outside during break and lunch, engaging in active play and socialising. It's truly heartwarming to see our students making the most of our large outdoor space, whether it's through playground football, basketball, or table tennis. These activities not only promote physical health but also foster social connections among our students.

I'm pleased to inform you that we recently held a karaoke challenge as part of our house competitions. It was inspiring to witness students showcasing their courage by singing in front of their peers. Some moments even turned into impromptu choir sessions, creating a truly uplifting atmosphere in the hall.

Additionally, this Wednesday, we announced the student list for the upcoming Thorpe Park rewards trip. It was a thrilling moment for those who found their names on display in the atrium. We will be inviting 90 students on the trip, which unfortunately means that some students may be disappointed. However, I want to reassure you that we will be organising another rewards trip next term, providing everyone with another opportunity. Regarding the cost of the trip, I want to acknowledge that the price has increased from last year due to rising expenses for tickets and coach travel. Despite this, we are subsidising the cost as much as possible to minimise the impact on parents.

Lastly, I want to remind you that the last day of the Spring term is Thursday, March 28th, giving us nine days remaining. We are committed to ensuring high-quality learning continues until the final lesson on the final day.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Thank you for your continued support, and let's make these remaining days of the term productive and memorable for our students.

Best Wishes

My Lynes

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### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with staff dressing up in a wide variety of amazing costumes to represent characters from popular books. During Tutor time Year 8 students focused on creative writing and oracy. At lunchtime students participated in a character Treasure Hunt in which they had to match the clue, in the form of a quote from a book to the character. There was also the Never Ending Story challenge in which students were invited to add their own sentence to the story to keep it going.



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### Year 11 History Trip to National Theatre

On Wednesday Year 11 history students went to see 'Nye' at the National Theatre, starring Michael Sheen. This play follows the story of Aneurin (Nye) Bevan and his career in politics, which culminated in the groundbreaking plan to create the NHS, despite facing huge opposition from fellow MPs and doctors. This links to the GCSE 'Britain, Health and the people' paper, which makes up 25% of their GCSE, so it was a very enjoyable opportunity for some revision!



### Year 12 and 13 Health and Social Care

Year 12 and Year 13 HSC students had the opportunity to attend a virtual workshop by the industry spotlight with Care UK. This interactive workshop enabled students to understand roles and responsibilities of individuals working in healthcare. They were also able to ask any questions they had regarding what career they wanted to pursue in the future and had all their curiosity answered. This workshop has now given our students the opportunity to apply for volunteer positions in the future with Care UK.



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### House Event - Karaoke Challenge

On Wednesday students and staff entered the Karaoke Challenge pitting their vocal skills against each other. With a supportive audience offering encouragement and cheering the participating staff and students sang their way through a wide range of songs. Well done to all who entered!



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## Year 13 Treat

We gave year 13 a special ice cream treat last week to recognise all the hard work they have been putting in over the recent mock exams period. The chocolate flakes were especially in demand! Students now have less than 20 schools days until the first A Level exam begins and we also wanted to give students a bit of boost to kick start the final part of their journey at the Elms Academy Sixth Form. Well done Year 13 - all that revision is going to pay off!



## Reward Trip launch

**Thorpe**  
PARK

We are excited to launch our reward trip this week. Students have been invited to participate if they have maintained 100% attendance, accumulated merits and received a Golden Postcard. The trip to Thorpe Park will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Students who are eligible have been given an invitation letter. Full payment of £35 for the trip must be paid via the School gateway. Payment can be made from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and the online payment will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to celebrating students' success with them.

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### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 9 Pathways Evening	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Two weeks
INSET Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day
Year 11 Exam Essentials Evening	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	All day



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