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Friday 11th September 2026

Message from the Principal



We have had a fantastic first full week at The Elms Academy. It has been wonderful to see our school thriving once again, with students warmly welcoming our new Year 7 and 12 cohorts. The positive atmosphere around the school has been evident throughout the week, and it has been a pleasure to see students settling quickly into routines, building new friendships and approaching the year ahead with enthusiasm and ambition.

It is such a lovely place to be, and it is great to have the school filled with children again. This reminds us of our core purpose: to provide the very best education for our students so that they can make informed choices about their futures and achieve their ambitions. Everything we do is driven by our commitment to ensuring every young person is supported, challenged and inspired to be their very best.

Our Year 7 students have made an excellent start, particularly with their preparation and homework routines. They have approached secondary school with maturity and enthusiasm and should be proud of how quickly they have adapted. A huge thank you to our Year 7 tutors for helping students develop confidence and independence from day one.

On Thursday, we also welcomed Key Stage 5 parents to our Welcome to Sixth Form Evening. It was a valuable opportunity to share how families can support students at home and help them achieve success during this important stage of their education.

We have also enjoyed a really strong start to attendance, our best ever in fact! Thank you to parents for your continued support. We know that students achieve the most when school, home and students work together with shared goals and high aspirations. Amazing things can be achieved when students are in school every day, learning from their teachers and making the most of every opportunity.

A reminder to Year 11 families that our Year 11 Final Push Evening takes place next week. This is a crucial event and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. We will share key information about expectations, revision, support available and how we can work together to help every student achieve their best possible outcomes.

We would also like to remind families that student photographs will take place on Friday 18th September. Students should attend in full academy uniform and be ready for their photograph on the day.
Thank you for helping us make such a positive start to the year. We are excited about the months ahead and look forward to working together to ensure every student thrives, fulfils their potential and makes the most of everything The Elms Academy has to offer.

Homework @ The Elms

Homework at The Elms Academy is designed to consolidate classroom learning, build independence, and develop the organisational skills students need for academic and professional success.

Homework Frequency and Duration

Year group	Subjects	Frequency and duration
7	**English, Maths, Science**, MFL, RE, Geography and History	Approx. 30–45 minutes per week for English, Maths and Science during the first term and then the other listed subjects after the October half term
8 and 9	English, Maths, Science, MFL, RE, Geography and History	30–45 minutes per week listed subjects
10–11	All subjects	Approx. 60 minutes per subject per week.
12–13	All subjects	Approx. 6 hours per subject per week.

Specific days are designated for different subjects across year groups, ensuring students are not set homework in multiple subjects on the same evening.

Year 7

Day	7A	7S	7P	7I	7R	7E
Monday	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** RE Bedrock	**Maths** Geog Bedrock	**Maths** **English** Bedrock	**Maths** **English** Bedrock	**Maths** **English** Bedrock
Tuesday	**English**	**English** History	**English** History	History	RE Geog	Geog
Wednesday	**Science** Geog	**Science**	**Science**	**Science**	**Science**	**Science**
Thursday	MFL History	MFL	MFL	MFL RE	MFL	MFL History
Friday	RE French	Geog	RE	Geog	History	RE

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Year 8

Day	8A	8S	8P	8I	8R	8E
Monday	**Maths** French Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** RE Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** History Bedrock
Tuesday	**Science** RE	**Science** Geog	**Science** Geog	**Science** RE	**Science**	**Science** RE
Wednesday	Geog History	RE		MFL	MFL RE	MFL
Thursday	**English**	**English**	**English**	**English**	**English** Geog	**English**
Friday	MFL	History MFL	History MFL	History Geog	History	Geog

Year 9

Day	9A	9S	9P	9I	9R	9E
Monday	**Maths** French Bedrock	**Maths** Geog Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** Bedrock	**Maths** History Bedrock
Tuesday	**Science** History	**Science** History	**Science** RE	**Science** RE	**Science** RE	**Science**
Wednesday	**English** RE	**English**	**English** MFL	**English** MFL	**English** MFL	**English** MFL
Thursday	MFL Geog	MFL	Geog	Geog	History	Geog
Friday	Bedrock	RE	History	History	Geog	RE

Years 10–11

Day	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	English,	English and Option B
Tuesday	Science and Option C	Maths
Wednesday	Option A and Option B	Science and Option A
Thursday	Maths	Option C
Friday	RE	RE

Details of all homework set for KS3 and 4 can be found on Show my homework. information for how to access show my homework and set up a parent profile so that you can track this can be found on the school website here: https://www.theelmsacademy.org.uk/parents/homework-guidance

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Chess in the Atrium

Our atrium has become a lively meeting place for students who enjoy the challenge and excitement of chess. During break and lunchtime, students can often be found sitting together over a game, carefully planning their next move, testing their strategies and enjoying some friendly competition. Chess provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop concentration, patience and problem-solving skills, while also encouraging communication, confidence and good sportsmanship. It has been fantastic to see so many students enjoying the game and making the most of this shared space in our school.









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Getting to Know You



Name: Emily Redman

Job Title: Head of English

House: Jones

Currently Reading: Strangers by Belle Burden

Favourite Film: The Odyssey has gone to the top!

Interesting Fact: I have lived in 6 different countries

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: The sense of community, but also the ambition and drive to exceed expectations

Key Dates for Your Diary

Year 11 Final Push Evening	Thursday 17th September 2026	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Welcome to KS3 Evening	Thursday 24th September 2026	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening	Thursday 8th October 2026	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Parent Forum – Online	Monday 12th October 2026	6.00pm – 7.00pm
International Evening	Thursday 22nd October 2026	5.00pm – 6.30pm
October Half term	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026	All Week
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026	All Day

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