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Friday 3rd February 2023

Message from the Principal



It was another great week at The Elms Academy with lots going on, particularly with our exciting enrichment opportunities. We worked hard to minimise disruption caused by the strikes and provided online learning for our students working at home. Thanks for your support to ensure that students engaged with these activities. Year 11 and Year 13 students came in from 8.30 – 2.30pm and I was pleased with how many came in on time and ready for their lessons.

The countdown is on to the next set of exams for Years 10,11 and 13. With just under 60 days left until the real exams we are talking to our students about making every minute count.

We continue to do what we can to support each other and focus on the resilience of our young people and the many wonderful things they continue to achieve, (see the newsletter highlights) in spite of the challenges.



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Year 12 Motiv8 Mentoring

A new cohort of Year 12 students started the Motiv8 Mentoring programme with a fun ice breaker session. It was a great opportunity for the students to meet their mentors who all work in various roles at the National Audit Office. The purpose of the mentoring programme is to help students prepare for the world of work.



Chinese New Year Celebration

This week's lunchtime activities were designed to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Head of MFL, Mrs Wang and her team, set up the popular chopstick challenge where students used chopsticks to pick up Skittles. Then there was a zodiac hunt, and finally a competitive ping pong tournament. May the year of the rabbit bring you much luck!



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King's Scholars Trip

Our Year 7 King's Scholars travelled to the university's Strand campus for a day of activities and tours. This was the first event as part of the King's Scholars programme which is a three-year programme that aims to prepare students for university and beyond. Students worked with student ambassadors and created their own societies which they presented at the end of the day.



Year 10 Art Class

This week Year 10 students learned about a Neo-Impressionist painting technique called pointillism. This is where small brushstrokes or dots of colour are applied, so that from a distance they blend together to form the image. Using paintbrushes, pencils, needles and even cotton buds to paint their dots, students completed the other half of Georges Seurat's famous painting, "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte".



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Savannah King

Job: Teacher of Maths

House: Jones

Currently reading: Noughts and Crosses with my Year 9 tutor group.

A favourite film / series: I'll be watching the Six Nations Rugby Tournament and supporting the best team ever, Wales!

Interesting fact about me: My favourite sport to play is netball. I play for a team outside of school. My position is GD/GK.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I enjoy teaching mathematics as it is my favourite subjects. I am passionate about learning and passing knowledge on to others.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Enrichment for Year 7 & 8	Mondays after school	3.30 – 4.30pm
Enrichment for Year 9 & 10	Thursdays after school	3.30 – 4.30pm
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February	5.00 – 7.00pm
Half Term	Monday 13 th - 17 th February	---
Start of Term 4	Monday 20 th February	8.20am
Mrs Welch's Parent Forum (Online)	Tuesday 21 st February	6.00 – 7.00pm