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19th April 2024

Message from the Principal



Welcome back to all families following the Easter holiday! It's a joyous time as spring has finally arrived, bringing with it renewal, growth, and new beginnings. I personally relish the longer days, warmer temperatures, and the vibrant burst of nature coming alive with color, sound, and energy. I hope all families had a rejuvenating break, and our students are now fully recharged and ready for another exciting term ahead.

As we embark on the upcoming months, we have a plethora of events and milestones to look forward to. Firstly, our Year 11 and Year 13 students are gearing up for their final exams. It's paramount that the entire school community comes together to create a calm and supportive environment for these students during this crucial period.

Meanwhile, Year 10 and Year 12 students will be undertaking work experience placements. With limited places available, I urge all students in these year groups to seize the opportunity by being proactive in reaching out to companies to secure placements in their desired industries.

For our Year 9 students, this term marks their graduation as they complete Key Stage 3. This milestone is significant as the skills they've acquired lay the groundwork for success on their Key Stage 4 pathways.

This week, we kicked off our First Give Launch for Year 8, a charitable initiative involving local primary school students. Additionally, our Golden Postcard trip took place on Wednesday, where 50 students enjoyed a visit to Go Ape in Battersea Park. The Golden Postcard trip serves as a free rewards trip for students who have received 10 or more Postcards of Excellence from their teachers—a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, we have Year 10 Parents' Evening scheduled for Thursday and Year 11 Exam Essentials Evening on Tuesday next week. These evenings are crucial for students in Key Stage 4, and I eagerly anticipate seeing parents at these retrospective events.

Kind regards

Jon Lynes

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Whole School Assembly – Key basics

As we start our new term, we took time in our Whole School Assembly this week to look at how we can best prepare ourselves for the new term ahead. It is important that students have the basics in place to ensure they get the best out of each school day. Five key points are listed below. We also took time to consider the importance of making the right first impression in our behavior and also in our dress. Sixth Form students are required to wear business dress and Years 7 to 11 wear our uniform which helps to promote equality. Further details on our uniform policy can be found in the Parent Handbook on our website www.theelmsacademy.org.uk

The Basics

1. Arrive to school
2. On time
3. In correct uniform
4. With all the required equipment
5. Learn & behave



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Making the right first impression...

- Professional corridor behaviour
- Uniform
- Hair
- Jewellery
- Make-up
- Mobile phones
- Headphones



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Golden Postcard Reward Trip

Students who received a golden postcard from Mr Wilson participated in a reward trip to Go Ape in Battersea Park on Wednesday. The golden postcard is awarded to any student who has accumulated 10 postcards since the start of the academic year. The postcards are a way for teachers to let students know how well they are doing and to encourage them to keep up their good work. Go Ape is an exciting experience which is designed to challenge visitors physically and mentally. All students who joined the trip had a great time.



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Non-uniform day

Last term students requested a non-uniform day to help raise money for charity. Students paid £2 to wear non-uniform and four charities were selected to share the £1136.36 total raised. Well done to all who participated.



Ace of Clubs is a local based charity who serve those in the community who are experiencing homelessness, including those who are sleeping rough, or are living in temporary or insecure housing.

The centre provides for the immediate needs of those in desperate circumstances with safety, food, warmth, clothing, laundry, showers, housing support and someone to talk to. They also have an in-depth understanding of the homeless community, the challenges they face in Lambeth, and what works to make positive changes in individuals lives.



Cancer Research UK was formed 20 years ago, in 2002. However, their history goes back much further, to 1902, with the founding of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Their pioneering work into how to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer has benefitted millions of lives over the past 120 years.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network. Their secretariat supports local Red Cross and Red Crescent action in more than 191 countries, bringing together more than 16 million volunteers for the good of humanity.



The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals exists to inspire everyone to create a better world for every animal. Every day they change lives, laws, industry and minds so all animals can live a better life.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 11 Exam Essentials Evening	Tuesday 23 rd April	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 25 th April	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6 th May	All day
May half term holiday	Monday 27 th (Bank holiday) to Friday 31 st May	All week
Parent Forum	Tuesday 2 nd July	5.00pm