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Friday 19th May 2023

Message from the Principal



Public exams started this week and the whole school came together to show their support for Year 11 and 13 students. All Year 11 teachers were around to answer last minute questions and teachers have been providing after school and early morning cram sessions before every exam. I am so proud of the way students have approached their exams this week and I have no doubt that they will do themselves and the school proud. As I say in my assemblies, as long as you give it 100%, then you will have no regrets and this is a great way to live your life. Students came out of the Hall looking relieved afterwards and there was delight that English Literature had questions the students felt very confident answering. The rest of the school has been brilliant in maintaining a calm atmosphere through the building during the day. As well as being very proud of the students; I am also very grateful to our teachers who have given so much of their time to provide extra revision sessions, after school, at weekends and during half term. We appreciate that this is a stressful time for our young people so please continue to encourage them to get plenty of rest and take breaks when revising. And they can speak to any member of staff if

they are finding things difficult.

For the rest of the school (Years 7-10 and Year 12), exams start in the week beginning 12th June. Revision checklists are being made available next week so that the students know what topics to be covering in preparation for these important exams. A strong performance in Years 7-10 sets the foundations for success at GCSE A Level and I have no doubt that our students will approach these exams with the ambition and determination that I have come to expect from them. Thank you for all of your support to ensure success for our students in these exams.

Have a lovely weekend!



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Latest House Events

This week there were more competitive house activities arranged to get students coming together to represent their houses and gain crucial points. Our wonderful Head of Houses organised a keepie uppie and Uno competition during the lunch break. At the end of the week, Szabo remains on top with 3426 points, courtesy of Year 7s in House Szabo who took part in a house dance off. In second place is House Thornton with 3012 points, then House Archer with 2879 and finally House Jones with 2097 points. May the best house win!



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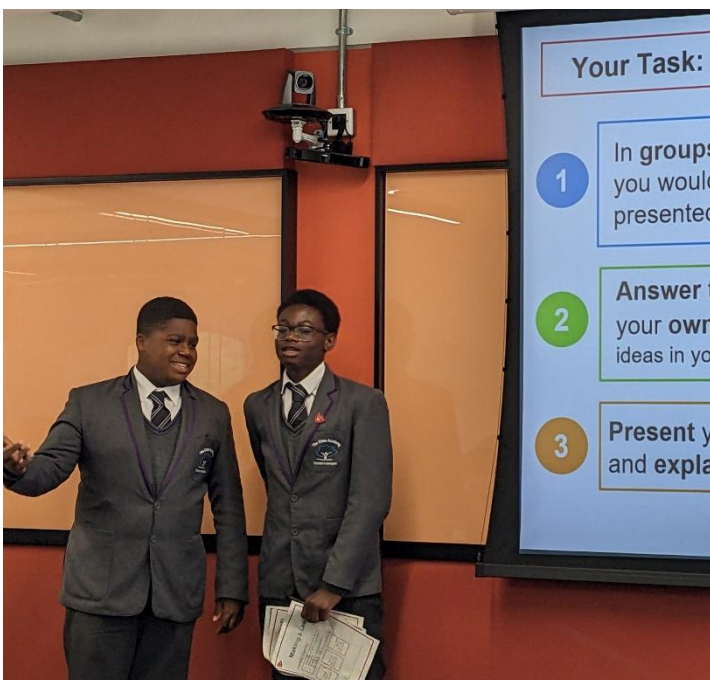
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Year 8 to Northeastern University

We had another successful university visit this week. Year 8 students, who have been taking part in the IntoUniversity programme, visited the Northeastern University, an American university with a campus in London. Our students had a chance to speak to the current undergraduate students and after a fun tour around the modern campus, they took part in a workshop on law. The students learned about the process of how laws are created and they were tasked to come up with their own bill proposals. It was lovely to see students presenting their ideas for bettering society.



Your Task:

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- 2 Answer to your own ideas in yo
- 3 Present y and expla

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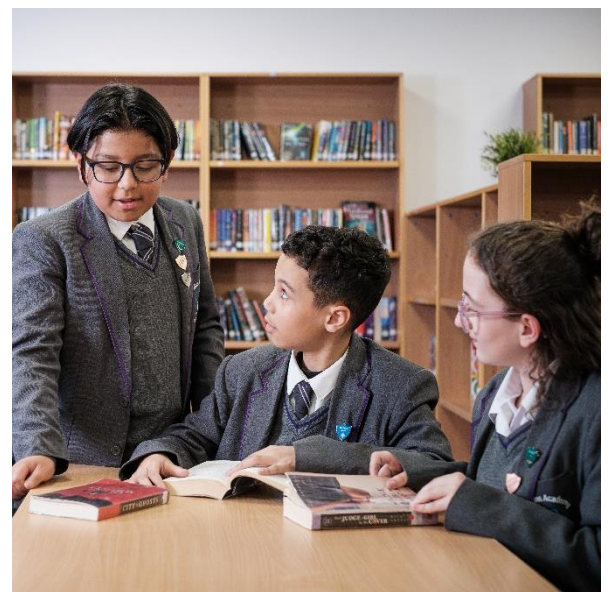
Year 7 Creativity in Art

Seeing the levels of creativity in any art class is always inspiring and our Year 7 students used this week's lesson to develop their drawing skills. There were illustrations of butterflies with the help of tracing paper with some students choosing to sketch these beautiful insects free style. The best works of art are displayed around the classroom.



Literacy Programme

We are improving our love of reading through our Literacy Programme with bi-weekly library lessons, literacy pirates and Bedrock across all KS3 year groups. The Elms Academy is in the top three schools for all Bedrock across United Learning. Next week we will be announcing our top five students with the most points on the Bedrock platform.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Sonia Ayub

Job: Exams Officer

House: Szabo

Currently reading: Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall. This is one of the best books about geopolitics and shows how all leaders are constrained by geography. It looks at the past, present and future of foreign policy and how it has affected the world.

A favourite film: One of my all-time favourite movies is 'The pursuit of happiness'. It inspired me to become determined and to never give up as setbacks are temporary and perseverance is the key to success.

Interesting fact about me: I worked as an Exams Officer for a large secondary school in Pakistan. I wanted a change so I came to the UK and started working in education here. I am happy to have this opportunity to work in such a good school.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I like how diverse the school community is. When you walk into the atrium you see flags from all over the world and we have students and families from all these different countries. I also like how friendly and welcoming everyone has been since I started working here.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
GCSE and A level Public Exams continue	Monday 22 nd May	During the school day
Last day of Term 5	Friday 26 th May	---
Half Term	Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	---
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 th June	All students back
Mrs Welch's Parent Forum (online)	Tuesday 27 th June	6.00 – 7.00pm (via Teams)