

The Elms Academy

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Friday 14th July 2023

Message from the Principal



This penultimate week of school is one of our favourite weeks in the academic year. We call it Cultural Capital Week and every day we do something to push students, and staff out of our comfort zones. For Year 10 and 12 students they went to work and got a taste of what it feels like to put in a full day in an office, primary school, shop, and cafe just to name a few of the work experience placements they went on. For the rest of the school Monday and Tuesday were days to collaborate with other members of their houses in preparation for our big house performances. Houses used art, music, drama and dance to bring some of their favourite books to life and it was very entertaining. On Wednesday, we took coaches to the athletics track in Crystal Palace for a day which gets everyone up on their feet and moving, Sports Day. It was a fantastic day of sporting events brilliantly organised by Head of PE, Ms Howe, and Team PE. The rain held off and everyone got involved before lunch in running, walking or jogging around the track as many times as they could within 5 minutes. At the end of the week, school trips covered famous sights from Kew Gardens to the National Maritime Museum. Students had fun

discovering places they hadn't visited before or hadn't been back to since primary school. Every day this week brought us all together as a community and created more wonderful memories.

Next week we are back in regular lessons and students have the rank order reveal to look forward to in Years 7-10. Our final day of term arrangements will be shared with you shortly. Enjoy the highlights from a very special week.



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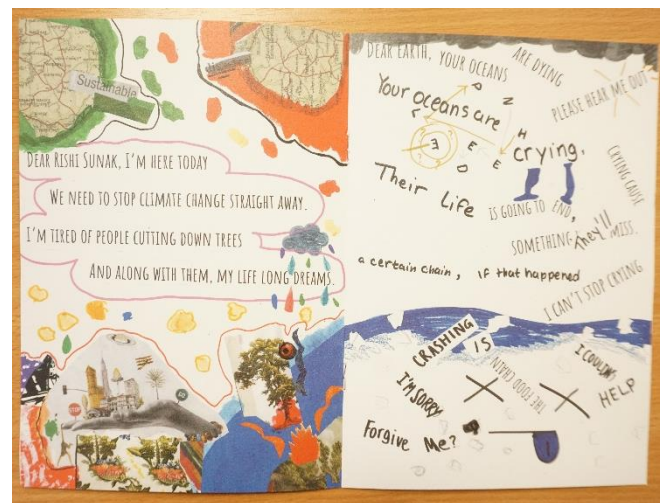
Trip to Chelsea Football Club

Teacher of PE, Mr Assan, organised a special trip to Chelsea Football Club for some lucky Year 8 and 9 students who are passionate about sport, especially football. There were workshops on how the club is run and the opportunity to sit in the locker room and see what it feels like when players, managers and owners hold press conferences.



Inspire Project

Year 7 students who took part in the Inspire Project with Teacher of English, Ms Sharp, had their last meeting with project leaders at the Southbank Centre. The zine they created on climate change was completed and published so they were able to walk away with a copy each. Below is their brilliant zine which looks very professional. Well done everyone for contributing to this amazing, creative booklet with a very important message.



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House Showcase

Our four school houses transported us to some magical places in their house showcase presentations. We were whisked off to Narnia, the chocolate factory, Wonderland and Hogwarts. The teamwork by students and staff that went into producing memorable performances was fantastic. House Thornton was chosen as best overall, congratulations.



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Sports Day

The competition was fierce and students took part in a range of races, the long jump, hurdles, tug of war, high jump, shot put and the discus throw. For those less inclined to work up a sweat, there was croquet and hula hooping. Big congratulations to House Szabo who won Sports Day for the first time.



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Cultural Capital Trips

It isn't every day our students get to feed goats on a farm, illustrate in front of a famous painting, or hear about what it was like navigating the sea in the 15th century. During this week's trips students engaged in a range of activities that brought many of the subjects they learn about in class to life and everyone thoroughly enjoyed these experiences.



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Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Golden Postcard trip	Monday 17 th July	During the school day
Rewards trip to BFI IMAX	Tuesday 18 th July	During the school day
Summer Festival	Wednesday 19 th July	5.00 – 7.00pm
Last day of Term 6	Friday 21 st July	Time to be confirmed
Summer holiday	Mon 24 th July – Tues 5 th Sept	---



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