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Friday 13th January 2023

Message from the Principal



This was our first full week back after the long holiday and it was great to see how quickly students have settled back into their routines and high standards. Year 11s had a full week of morning independent study starting at 8.00am and masterclass after school plus meetings with parents and tutors during our Year 11 Parents' Evening. Thank you to all who came in to school for these really important discussions around your child's progress. The commitment on all sides to improving their next round of mock results has been wonderful to see.

The KS3 and Year 12 exams begin on Monday 16th January, and will continue until Thursday the 26th January. This is the first set of formal assessments for Year 7-9 and Year 12 and are important for students and teachers at the academy. We are recreating exam conditions by providing external invigilators, just as there will be during their GCSE public exams. Everyone is working really hard to ensure they achieve the best possible scores and grades. The exams help teachers know what our students understand well and what they need more help with. Please review with your child, the revision checklists on the website in the student section. The checklists are organised by year group and cover everything students need to know to be fully prepared.

We received some fantastic news about two Year 13 students, Lloyd and Adzor who have received offers from Oxbridge, Lloyd to read Maths and Adzor to read Chemistry! This is further proof that The Elms Academy has everything our students need to help get them into the top universities in the country and the world.



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Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

Our new Sixth Form leadership team introduced themselves to the rest of the school in year group assemblies this week. All will play a key role in representing students' views to Mrs Welch and supporting at school events. Student Principals Ewan and Nebyat are looking forward to further developing their leadership skills in these important roles.



Cooking Club

It was the first Monday of enrichment clubs for Year 7 and Year 8s and this term Mrs Adebisi (LSA) is running a cooking club. Students mixed up the ingredients for a traditional British favourite, the humble scone. The results of their labour were delicious and tutors cannot wait to sample what they will be preparing in the coming weeks.



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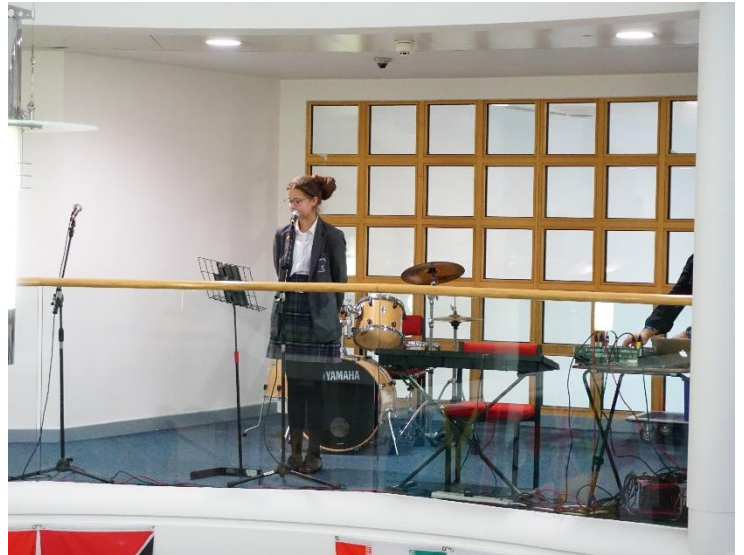
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Lunchtime Live Lounge

The rain and wind kept students indoors but that didn't dampen spirits because the sounds in the atrium were cheerful and uplifting. It was the first lunchtime live lounge of the new year and there were confident performances from our talented students to please even the most critical ear.



Brilliant Club Trip

Year 7 students who are part of our Scholars Programme in Brilliant Club began the year with a trip to City University of London. Their day included talks from university alumni on what it is like to study and an overview of what it takes to get into the best universities. This was followed by a session focused on study skills and then lunch in the school's canteen. The day ended with a comprehensive tour of the campus.



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Athletics Competitive

Boys and girls in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in a Lambeth indoor athletics competition this week. The students prepared to a high level for the competition by working hard in their training sessions before the competition. At the competition students competed in every event and were excellent. Samara in Year 8 won her 200m race, running expertly throughout.

Special mention must go to Mr Brennan, teacher of PE, who dedicated a lot of time after school to prepare the students for this competition. His commitment and expertise led to excellent performances by all which did the school proud.



House Assemblies

Friday began with whole house assemblies. All year groups mingled in their houses while House Captains talked through upcoming activities and competitions, rallying their students to take part and secure valuable house points. As it stands, Thornton is in the lead followed closely by Szabo, Archer and finally Jones. May the best house win.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Mr Tosin Adebayo

Job: Teacher of RE

Currently reading: 'Rosenshine's Principles' by Tom Sherrington.

A favourite film / series: Prison Break, Snowfall, BMF, King of Boys are all excellent. Does Match of the Day count as a series? For films I like anything Marvel, particularly the X-MEN collection.

Interesting fact about me: I play the drum kit and play for a seven-side football team.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: It may seem cliché but I genuinely like the student body. So many different characters that come together and really make my day. These young people we get to work with are just so funny!



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
Assessments for Years 7 – 9 and Year 12 continue	Monday 16h January to Thursday 26 th January	During the school day
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 25 th January	4.30 – 6.30pm
Staff Inset Day	Friday 27 th January	All day
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February	5.00 – 7.00pm