

# The Elms Academy

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Message from the Principal



It was a shortened school week as a result of the bank holiday but we still managed to accomplish a great deal of learning. Teachers and students are working hard in anticipation of upcoming public exams. I have been so impressed by the high standards in all of the classrooms that I have visited this week. It is clear to see the ambition and determination to succeed by students' engagement in lessons. We continue to support our young people every step of the way. GCSE and A level exams start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. For the rest of the school, assessments start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Revision guides will be made available shortly for KS3, Year 10 and Year 12 students. One thing I remind students of over and over again is that every second of every school day counts. Missing school means missing valuable lesson time and although we are all enjoying the long weekends, we know our children flourish the classroom with our daily routines.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday to celebrate The Big Help, where we are all being encouraged to volunteer and help out in our local areas. We look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8.20am.



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### Year 9 King's Scholars Careers Fair

The Year 9 King's Scholars attended a careers fair at King's College London. The fair was a terrific opportunity for students to speak to employers from a wide range of industries and ask questions about their career journeys. There were stands with representatives from the Army, publishing, IT and the NHS.



### Year 10 Trip to The Old Operating Theatre

On Wednesday, History students from Year 10 visited the Old Operating Theatre in London Bridge, as part of their GCSE unit on 'Health and the People'. An eager group of nearly 50 historians was treated to a gruesome demonstration of just how dangerous surgery was before the discovery of anaesthetics and antiseptics, in the oldest existing operating theatre in Europe. Students were given a tour in the theatre's museum, eyeing up fascinating curios from plague masks to chloroform dispensers.



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### Year 7s Watch A Midsummer Night's Dream

A group of Year 7 English students attended a brilliant performance of Shakespeare's comedy, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Globe Theatre. The character of Puck, the Fairy King's servant who casts spells on everyone, was very popular with students and the source of great amusement. Along with providing an enriching experience, watching the play come to life at this historic theatre will support students in their study of the play in English lessons.



### Health & Social Care Trip

Teacher of Health & Social Care, Miss Adam, took the Y12 HSC students to at Vue Cinema Westfield Shepherd Bush. The purpose of the workshop was to help students improve their exam preparation skills. Once in the lecture hall, students listened to a presentation by examiners and then worked in small groups on tasks created to enhance their revision techniques. Students found the active revision and examiner's top tips helpful and informative, and we expect to see improved outcomes in their June assessments. Well done Year 12s!



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### Lambeth Borough Athletics Competition

The sun shone brightly and the temperatures reached a high of 19 degrees, perfect weather for our talented athletes in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to shine on the track in Streatham Park. Students competed in track and field against other schools in the borough of Lambeth and the winners of the events will go on to represent Lambeth in the London Athletics Competition. Special mention goes to Prince in Year 7 who ran fantastically in the 100m, Seth in Year 9 and Shaquille in Year 10 who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the discuss in their year group. And finally, superstars Jennifer Pepga and Acacia Martin, who won all their events. The Elms Academy students did our school proud. Bring on Sports Day!



### Sixth Form Leadership Clinic

The Sixth Form leadership team has been a visible presence around school and Friday, Year 12 students Nebyat and Jada hosted a clinic during the lunch break. Students from all year groups were encouraged to provide feedback to student leaders on what we do well, we could do better and share their ideas. The leadership team will now meet with Mrs Welch to share the outcomes from their conversations.



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### Envision Community Apprentice Final

Two teams of Year 12 students represented The Elms Academy at the competition final of Community Apprentice, a social action programme run by the youth charity Envision. Students have worked on their projects for 24 weeks and proudly presented the outcomes of their projects to a panel of judges. The teams chose to address issues that are important to them and their local community - sexism and mental health. Both teams delivered excellent presentations and even though the prize went to a team from another school, we are extremely proud of all our Year 12s who showed outstanding commitment, teamwork and leadership throughout the project. We are especially proud of Jada who won the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for going above and beyond while leading her team.



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### Getting to Know You

**Name:** Mr Blue Mangan

**Job:** Learning Support Assistant

**House:** Szabo

**Currently reading:** Black Box Thinking by Matthew Syed. It's about why most people don't learn from their mistakes. The writer argues that in order to succeed, we have to confront our mistakes and learn from them.

**A favourite film / series:** I like the film the Life of Pi.

**Interesting fact about me:** I am a professional dancer.

**What I like about working at The Elms Academy:** I like working with young people and changing their mindset about schools, and exams, helping them work toward goals and guiding them to the best version of themselves.



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	---
Duke of Edinburgh Trip – presentation to parents & students going on the trip	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30 – 5.30pm, Main Hall
GCSE and A level Public Exams begin	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	During the school day
Half Term	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	---
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All students back