The Elms Academy
NEWSLETTER

Integrity ■ Ambition ■ Determination

Friday 18th September 2026

Message from the Principal



As we come to the end of another successful week at The Elms Academy, I would like to thank you for the continued support and encouragement you provide to both our students and the Academy.

Across the Academy, we continue to see students demonstrating our values of Integrity, Ambition and Determination every day. In recent assemblies, we have been talking about what it means to be a student at The Elms Academy: taking pride in wearing the blazer, striving to be the best version of yourself, and making choices today that your future self will thank you for. These messages sit at the heart of our vision for every one of our students, and we greatly appreciate the support of parents in reinforcing them at home.

This week marked the conclusion of our Year 7 after-school Prep sessions. It has been wonderful to see our newest students developing such positive homework habits and learning routines right from the start of their journey at The Elms Academy. We know that these strong foundations will help set them up for success throughout their time with us, and they have made an excellent start.

I would also like to thank our Year 11 parents who attended our recent Final Push Evening. It was a valuable opportunity to share our vision for the year group, discuss practical ways families can support students at home, and provide guidance on healthy routines and effective revision strategies. We are extremely grateful for the strong turnout and commitment shown by families as we work together to help our Year 11 students achieve their very best.

Attendance continues to be a real strength across the school, and I am delighted to report that attendance rates remain very positive across all year groups. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Regular attendance remains one of the most important factors in helping students make the most of the learning opportunities available to them.

Looking ahead to next week, I look forward to welcoming Key Stage 3 parents to our online Welcome Evening. This event will provide helpful information about how to support your child throughout the year and ensure they have every opportunity to succeed. We will also share further information about our priorities and ambitions for the year ahead.

Finally, please help us spread the word about The Elms Academy to any friends or family with children currently in Years 5 and 6 at primary school. Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 1st October, and we have already received a great deal of interest. Many of our students are looking forward to acting as ambassadors and tour guides, showcasing a school they are incredibly proud of. During the following weeks in October, we will also be hosting a series of Open Mornings, giving prospective families the opportunity to see the Academy in action during a normal school day. We would be very grateful for any recommendations you can make to families considering their secondary school options.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Lunchtime Clubs

Here at The Elms, our lunchtime club provides students with a fantastic opportunity to stay active, try new activities and make the most of their lunch break. Tennis and badminton have been particularly popular, with students enjoying the chance to practise their skills, learn new techniques and take part in friendly games and matches. The sessions are open to students of different abilities, allowing everyone to get involved, have fun and develop at their own pace. It has been great to see students showing enthusiasm and determination as they challenge themselves to improve, while also encouraging and supporting their peers. Alongside developing their sporting abilities, the lunchtime club helps students build confidence, communication, teamwork and sportsmanship in a positive and welcoming environment. Most importantly, the sessions give students a chance to step away from the classroom, enjoy being active with their friends and discover new sports that they may not have tried before. We are proud to see so many students getting involved and look forward to continuing to offer a variety of exciting activities during lunchtime at The Elms.







KS3 Enrichment

We are looking forward to Enrichment clubs starting on Monday 28th September for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Students have been encouraged to join a club that interests them and is something new and exciting. These clubs will run until Christmas and then students will choose again in January (our club offer may change for next term depending on student feedback).



SHREK THE MUSICAL!

Over the coming weeks, students will have the exciting opportunity to audition for roles, join the ensemble, help backstage, and become involved in all aspects of bringing this magical production to life.

What happens next?

- An information evening will be held on Wednesday 23rd September 15:30-16:30 after school for students to learn more about the story, the audition process, backstage roles and the commitment needed.

- Auditions will be held after school on Wednesday 30th September 15:30-16:30 for years 7 and 8, and 15:30-17:30 for years 9, 10 and 12.

- Rehearsals will take place weekly on Wednesdays beginning on 7th October



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Getting to Know You



Name: Mr Finn Pearson

Job title: Maths Teacher

House: Thornton

Currently Reading: Dracula by Bram Stoker

A favourite film: Forrest Gump

Interesting fact about me: I used to run a novelty sticker company

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: The excellent manners and politeness of the students

Key Dates for Your Calendar

Welcome to KS3 Evening Online meeting	**Thursday 24th September 2026**	**5.00pm – 6.00pm**
Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening	**Thursday 8th October 2026**	**5.00pm – 6.00pm**
Parent Forum – Online	**Tuesday 13th October 2026**	**6.00pm – 7.00pm**
International Evening	**Thursday 22nd October 2026**	**5.00pm – 6.30pm**
October Half term	**Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026**	**All Week**
INSET DAY	**Monday 2nd November 2026**	**All Day**

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