

# The Elms Academy

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Message from the Principal



I would like to thank you for your support this week; for ensuring that those students who were meant to be in school were in, and for making sure that students working remotely were logged in and continuing to make progress. I am really proud of the way students in Year 7, 9 and 10 engaged with their online lessons and showed that determination and integrity that defines our school community.

On my learning walks around school this week it was nice to hear music coming from the Year 7 big band lessons. This is a terrific programme that Head of Music, Ms Haworth gained funding for with the aim of providing Year 7 students with the opportunity to learn an instrument. The Main Hall was used for more than assemblies this week as the PE team introduced Year 7s to the basics of trampolining. Next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 5.00 – 7.00pm is the Year 9 Pathways Evening. It is an exciting time for this year group who will get to choose from a range of courses. Finally, tickets for Buggy Malone are now on sale in Student Services (£3 for adults, £1 for children) so do make sure you purchase yours before the performances next Thursday and Friday. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you there.



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### Year 7 Big Band

Our Year 7 Big Band lessons take place weekly and after three terms of learning the basics and practicing, the band is getting really good. Mrs Haworth who plays the saxophone, flute, piano, clarinet and drums has arranged for outside music teachers who specialise in brass instruments to come in and teach the trumpet and trombone.



### Cooking Club

There were some delicious smells coming from the student kitchen Monday after school. The Year 7 and Year 8 Cooking Club was busy stir frying vegetables and rice, wonderfully supported by several Sixth Form students as well as House Captain Mr Lye and HLSA Ms Adebisi who does all the prep beforehand. Each week students learn a new recipe and get to enjoy the results of their culinary efforts afterwards.



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## British Science Week

This week was British Science Week and the Science Department made sure that every student had a chance to take part in a practical and learn new science specific facts. There was also a fascinating talk from recent university graduates who spoke about their STEM degrees and how they chose their career paths.



## Bugsy Malone Tickets on Sale

Head of Drama, Mr O'Brien, Head of Music, Mrs Haworth and the cast and crew of Bugsy Malone have been working overtime to perfect their performances in time for the two big evening shows next week. The musical is set in New York City and is a spoof of old gangster movies. Tickets are available from Student Services (£3 adults, £1 children).



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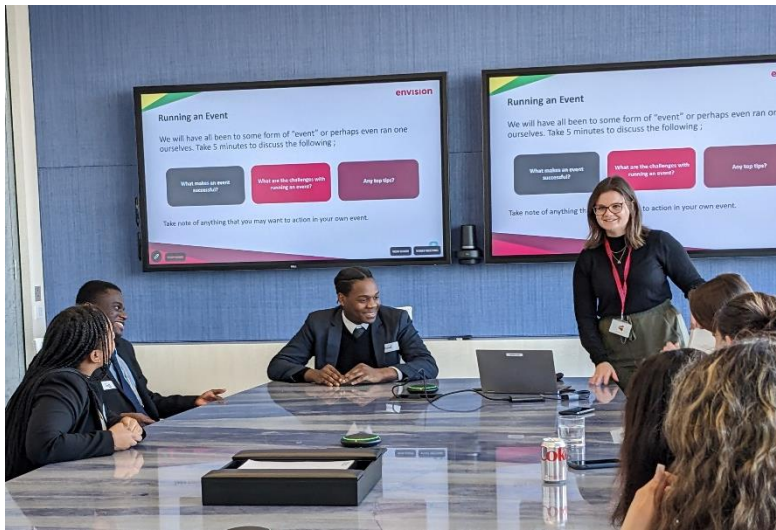
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## Year 12 Envision Trip

Year 12s who are taking part in the Envision programme visited the offices of McDermott, Will & Emery, an international law firm. Students updated their mentors on the progress of their social enterprise projects and received valuable advice on how to move forward with their plans. Only a few weeks left until students have to present their ideas to a panel of judges.



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### Getting to Know You

**Name:** Mr Rhys Hughes

**Job:** Teacher of Maths

**Currently reading:** I am reading a fascinating book called *The Gulag Archipelago* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The book is the author's attempt to compile a literary and historical record of the Soviet Union's comprehensive use of terror against its own population.

**A favourite film / series:** My family and I sit down and watch *The Chase* over dinner every evening. I am a keen quizzer and it's a lot of fun.

**Interesting fact about me:** I used to take part in the Southern 50 Challenge with my Scout Troop. This challenge consists of hiking in the Chilterns. My best results were 30km in just under 7 hours and 50km in just over 13 hours.

**What I like about working at The Elms Academy:** I really like that everyone is so supportive of each other and working with the students is a treat. I just returned from a 3-week placement at a different school and the reception I received on coming back here was really wonderful.



### 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
Year 9 Pathways Evening	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5.00 – 7.00pm
Bugsy Malone	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00 – 7.00pm
Thorpe Park Trip	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 – 4.30pm
Last Day of Term	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm
Easter break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	---



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