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# The Elms Academy

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23 October 2023

### Message from the Principal



What a wonderful way to end the first half term at The Elms Academy! International Evening was our best ever attended event; with hundreds of people; parents, students, siblings, staff, past students, and so many more coming together to celebrate the diversity in our very special community. Well done to all our student performers who delivered brilliant performances in the show case and thank you to all students, staff and parents who brought in delicious food for us to share. It was an amazing evening and I felt so privileged and proud to be leading a school where we embrace and celebrate our differences whilst always remembering all that brings us together. I am already looking forward to next year's event.

It has been brilliant to see delivery of the tutor time sessions for our cultural diversity week and all the black history month celebrations throughout October. On the last day of the half term, we are celebrating with a non-uniform day to raise money for the charity Save the Children. We encouraged staff and students to wear the colours of their flag or traditional or cultural dress. I know some of us

enjoyed a preview of some amazing outfits at the fashion show on International Evening.

The countdown now begins to the first set of mock exams for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. These will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This is the first opportunity for these students to show how much progress they have made in their learning. The more they revise, the better-quality feedback teachers can give them on areas they do and do not understand. Mock exams are only effective if the content has been thoroughly learned so it can be applied in the exam; so please do encourage lots of revision over the half term break, and of course some time to relax and spend time with family and friends.

As always, I would like to continue to thank you for your support with ensuring that your child comes to school every day on time. We know that attendance is what has the biggest impact on outcomes at school and we appreciate your support in this area. A special shout out to Year 7 who have had 98% attendance for the last couple of weeks which is a great way to end the half term.

Have a great half term!

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## International Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to celebrate our International Evening on Wednesday. We were able to sample some delicious dishes from a variety of regions provided by staff and parents. The music department provided the entertainment and students performed a fashion show showcasing different styles of dress from a wide range of countries.



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## Black History Month trip

On Thursday students attended an event celebrating **Black History Month** at the Southbank Centre. The event was Jeffrey Boakye: Musical World, where the celebrated author explored the roots and impact of music during pivotal moments in history.



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## Hampton Court Palace Trip

On Wednesday 70 Year 8 historians across The Elms Academy and The Hurlingham Academy had the opportunity to visit Hampton Court Palace on a rewards trip. Students got to explore Henry VIII's Great Hall and stately rooms, as well as explore the kitchens where his servants would have been hard at work. They also took part in a workshop on Henry VIII's decision to Break from Rome and the Tudor 'religious rollercoaster' which they have been learning about in class this term!



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### Getting to Know you

Name: Miss Tyler

Job: English teacher

House: Szabo

Currently Reading: La Peste (The Plague) by Albert Camus

A favourite film: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Interesting fact about me: I used to run a roller-skating club!

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: The amazing students! Each pupil is so charismatic, and I love getting to know everyone. Also, the English department, which is full of absolute gems!



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 7, year 8 and Year 9 Enrichment	Every Monday after school	3.30pm – 4.30pm
October Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	All week
Inset Day	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	All day
Year 12 & Year 13 Information Evening	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	4.30pm - 6.30pm
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	4.30pm – 6.00pm
Parent Forum	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	5pm – 6pm
Welcome to KS3 Evening – Year 7, 8 and 9	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	5pm – 6pm
Year 9 Parent Evening	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	TBC
Year 8 Parent Evening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	TBC