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Friday 6th January 2023

Message from the Principal



Happy New Year to all our parents, students and staff. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and have come back feeling rested and ready for new opportunities. The start of the year is a great time to reset goals and resolve to do better than the previous year. In my assembly with Year 10 and Year 11 students, we reflected on the results from their autumn term mock exams and I spoke about what needs to be done to make even more progress this term. Year 7-9 and Year 12 students are busy preparing for their exams which begin Friday 13th January. Please note upcoming Parents' Evenings under Key Dates for Your Diary.

At The Elms Academy we continue to look at ways to improve how we bring out the very best in every one of our students. We will be analysing the feedback from staff, student and parent surveys and in my next **Parent Forum on Tuesday 21st February**, I will share with you these outcomes. Our high expectations of our students remain the same for this year and I was pleased to see such focus and determination in lessons this week. We continue to expect 100% in all areas, every day.

I look forward to another successful year at The Elms Academy.



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Friends of The Elms Academy

Calling all parents, grandparents and carers! Mrs Welch is looking for your ideas and energy in coming with ideas and helping to organise more events for our school community (events like our hugely successful International Evening).

If you are interested and want to know more, please email: cnugent-whittle@theelmsacademy.org.uk (Ms Nugent-Whittle, Executive Assistant to Mrs Welch)

A coffee morning hosted by Mrs Welch for the Friends of The Elms Academy will be held during the month of February.



Starting the Term with Determination

It was only a three day week but students came in refreshed and ready to work hard in lessons towards their upcoming exams. Year 7 students showed great determination in their Science lessons and didn't break concentration even with a photographer in the classroom.



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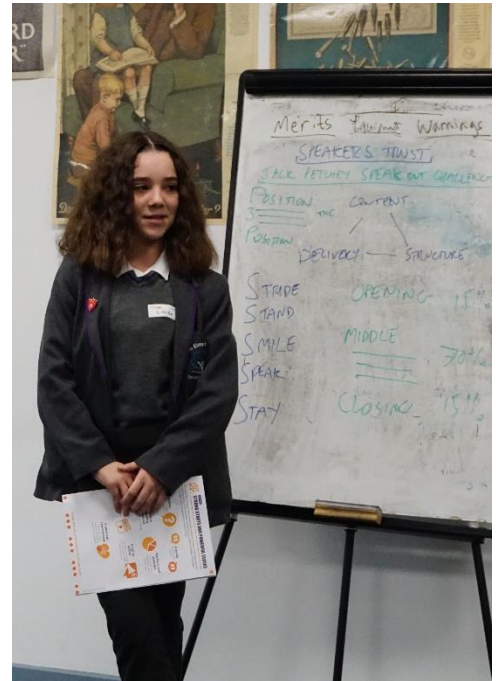
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Year 10 Speak Out Challenge

Year 10 students took part in an all-day workshop for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. This was a great opportunity for students to improve their public speaking skills. Several students will now go on to compete in a second challenge to determine who will represent The Elms Academy in a final competition against other schools.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Mr Radu Leon

Job: Teacher of Science

House: Thornton

Currently reading: I am re-reading J D Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* as I had only read translations before. It is a classic and the message is a powerful one about the loss of innocence.

A favourite film: It is difficult to pick only one because I have a background in film. But I liked Harold Ramis' "Groundhog Day". I recently discovered a film directed by Joseph L Mankiewicz called "No Way Out". It features actor Sidney Poitier and it is an extraordinary debut.

Interesting fact about me: I grew up in communist Romania and have since lived and worked in a few places around the world, which has made me a bit of a polyglot.

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: I really like working with children and young people in Science. It is a reason to come in every day and no two days are the same. I also enjoy getting to learn from, while working with, colleagues who care deeply about their students.



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 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 th January	4.30 – 7.00pm
Assessments for Years 7 – 9 and Year 12	Friday 13 th 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

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