Message from our Principal

Ilt's been another fantastic week at The Elms Academy as we head towards the end of this half term.

We have enjoyed another successful week of Open Mornings, welcoming many prospective families through our doors. A huge thank you to our student tour guides, who did a wonderful job showcasing the everyday experiences, achievements and opportunities that make our school such a special place.

These opportunities have been particularly evident through our Key Stage 3 enrichment programme, which is now in full swing. From cooking and cheerleading to debating, drama, chess and crafting, students are developing new skills, discovering new interests and broadening their horizons. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and commitment on display.

At the same time, our examination-year students are entering a crucial period. With just ten school days remaining before AP1 examinations begin for Years 11 and 13, every lesson and revision opportunity matters. We encourage all students to remain focused and make the most of the support available to them.

I was also delighted to host our first Parent Forum of the term. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their ideas, feedback and questions. These discussions play an important role in shaping both our immediate priorities and longer-term plans for school improvement.

Beyond the classroom, students have enjoyed a range of exciting opportunities. Our Year 12 geographers visited Royal Holloway University, while a group of students had the opportunity through the Black Boys Theatre Club to travel to Chichester to watch Munya Chawawa perform in A Midsummer Night's Dream before meeting him over dinner. Students have also taken part in House Quiz and House Karaoke events, musical rehearsals and performances, a Technical Theatre trip to the Criterion Theatre, and a Duke of Edinburgh Award information evening for parents. We were also pleased to welcome colleagues from another Trust school to learn more about the success of our Sixth Form provision.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week next week. Activities will begin with a launch assembly on Monday, followed by tutor-time sessions throughout the week. The celebrations will culminate in a non-uniform day on Friday, where students can either wear cultural dress or the colours of their national flag.

We look forward to celebrating the rich diversity that makes The Elms such a vibrant and inclusive community.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Have a wonderful weekend

Amy Welch



UK Annual Chinese Teaching Conference

We are delighted to let you know that Maryann was invited to attend and perform at the UK annual Chinese teaching conference which took place at University College London Institute of Education.

She delivered a wonderful and impressive speech in front of the audiences with confidence and great humor, which showed the best of the school spirit! Well done, this is a great achievement.

International Evening

Join us for an evening of cultural celebration through food, music, dance and art.
This year our event will feature a performing arts showcase and fashion show followed by the food and dining experience.



- Families are warmly encouraged to bring a dish to share, giving us all the chance to enjoy the wonderful flavours and traditions that make our community so special.
- Guests are also welcome to wear traditional dress to mark the occasion.
- If you would like to contribute food, please complete this form

International Evening: Thursday 22nd October 5-7pm – Fill out form

- ·Dishes can be dropped off during the day or brought along in the evening. Families bringing food may access the venue from 4.30pm to set up before attending the start of the event at 5pm.

We look forward to celebrating with you.



Football Fixtures

Year 7

Our team played against Lilian Baylis and unfortunately, we lost 6-7 in the league, but more games are to come. Overall, we did well but we could have won if we communicated better in defence and were less afraid to step up.

On the whole, we did very well against a good team, with great teamwork and understanding of the flow of the game. One key moment in the game was Freddie's goal from a scissor kick because the game swung from them constantly pressing us to us playing free flowing football. My players of the match would tie between Jamoi and Akeem because they never gave up running and going for the ball and they showed great prowess in front of goal with two assists and five goals.

Report written by Nicholas, Year 7

Year 8

We played Elmgreen and we drew 4-4 (We won 4-3 on penalties). The team performed with perseverance and did not give up when it was tough times. The key highlight of the match was the penalty shoot out, with the keeper saving three pens to help us win the match. The player of the match chosen by Mr Al-Souss was Sam Johnson (Goalkeeper). We would also like to give a shout out to Zachary Edwards and Joshua Andre who controlled the game really well. As we have won this game, we are through into the next round of the Cup.

Report written by Samuel, Year 8



Geography Trip





Year 12 Geographers attended a study day at Royal Holloway where they listened to fascinating lectures from the Geography department in 'The Shrinking World' and 'Hazard Mapping', as well as understanding the fieldwork equipment and drones used by students to create GIS maps! The tours of the campus with student ambassadors showed what student life is like, from their timetables to accommodation, and seeing the beautiful architecture in Royal Holloway. Thank you very much to Dr Chris Satow for hosting us.





Key Dates For Your Diary

International Evening	Thursday 22nd October 2026	5.00pm – 7.00pm
October Half term	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026	All Week
INSET Day	Monday 2nd November 2026	All Day
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 26th November 2026	4.30pm – 7.00pm
INSET Day	Friday 27th November 2026	All Day
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 3rd December 2026	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Winter Showcase	Wednesday 9th December 2026	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10th December 2026	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Academic Awards Night	Monday 14th December 2026	5.00pm – 6.30pm
Last day of term	Friday 18th December 2026	Half day
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2027	All day

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