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18th October 2024

Message from the Principal



Dear parents and guardians,

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news with you this week! We've just received our final validated Progress 8 score from the Department for Education, and the results are phenomenal. For those unfamiliar with Progress 8, it's a key performance measure that judges how well schools are helping students progress from the end of primary school through their secondary education. The national average for Progress 8 is zero, so any score above that shows that students are making better-than-expected progress.

We're incredibly proud to announce that our Progress 8 score has risen to an impressive +0.91! This is a huge achievement, and we want to give full credit to our incredible teachers and the hardworking students of last year. We are now eagerly awaiting to see where this score places us nationally, but we're confident that we'll

rank among the top-performing schools in the country. This sets the tone for the high-performance school we are striving to be, and we are committed to sustaining this level of success for all our current students.

In addition to our academic achievements, we've had a busy and exciting week celebrating Black History Month. This celebration will continue into next week, and we're particularly looking forward to our *International Evening* on the 23rd. We warmly invite all families to join us for an evening of socialising, with delicious food and live performances. Please bring a dish to share, and join us from 4:30 pm, with the event officially starting at 5:00 pm. It promises to be a wonderful evening of community and culture.

In house activities, we had great fun on Friday lunchtime with our *Guess the Song* event. Many students got involved, singing along and enjoying the atmosphere. It was a fantastic way to bring everyone together.

On top of this, we've been continuing our school tours for prospective Year 5 and Year 6 students. Hundreds of families have visited, and we've been overwhelmed by the positive feedback. Many of the families mentioned they heard about us through word of mouth, so a big thank you to all of you who are spreading the word about our school. Some parents even said they felt like we're the "best-kept secret in Lambeth" and commented on how happy and polite our students are. Paired with our outstanding Progress 8 score, it's clear that we're building something special here together.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I hope you have a restful weekend. I look forward to seeing you next week!

Jon Lynes

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WOW Day of the Girl

A selection of Year 12 students participated in the annual WOW conference last week. The students took part in 15 minute speed mentoring sessions with an incredible range of inspirational women VIP guests. The London Eye and the London skyline provided an excellent background to the event.

The students confidently introduced themselves to the guests and discussed their career ambitions and dreams. The guest included:

- Amika Sara George MBE - a British activist who campaigns against period poverty in the United Kingdom
- Janiq Charles - West-end actresses (currently acting in Six the musical and has also acted in the Lion King)
- Lib Beck - Ex leader of Lambeth Council now leading Sadiq Khan's London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
- Helen Pankhurst CBE - a British women's rights activist, scholar and writer. She is currently CARE International's senior advisor working in the UK and Ethiopia

A number of the guests commented on how impressed they were with our students' confidence, intelligence and ambition. One of them even said they left the day feeling very optimistic about the future having met such confident, articulate and driven young women.



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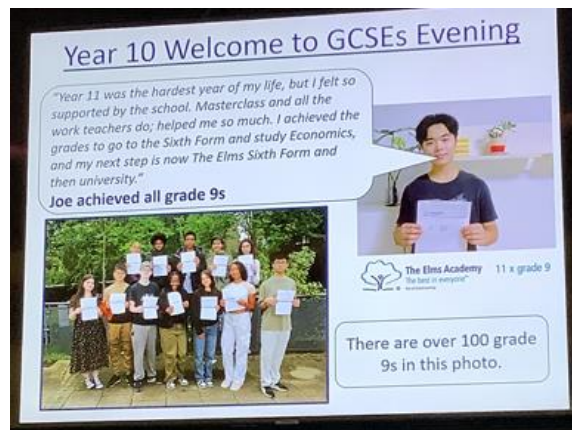
Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening

Last Thursday, we hosted the year 10 Welcome to GCSE evening and were delighted to see so many of you attend.

The GCSE curriculum has changed a great deal in recent years, so it was critical to provide an overview of what students' education will look like in the two most important years of school so far.

During the evening, parents received information on their child's targets, attendance, and how to best support students during their GCSE courses.

At The Elms Academy we know that the grades your child achieves in their Key Stage 4 courses can help to open doors for future opportunities so that they grow up to lead happy and fulfilled lives. We very much value your support in your child's education and the part you play in their success.



International Evening – A reminder



We are very excited to be able to invite you all to our annual **International Evening**, which will take place on **Wednesday 23rd October from 5.00-7.00pm**. The evening will be a celebration of cultural diversity through food, music, dance and art.

We would like to encourage families to bring some traditional food to the school so we can all get to experience the flavours, tastes and traditions that make The Elms Academy so special. Guests are welcome to wear traditional dress for the evening's celebrations.

Please sign up via Show My Homework to let us know what dish you will be bringing.

We look forward to celebrating with you all.

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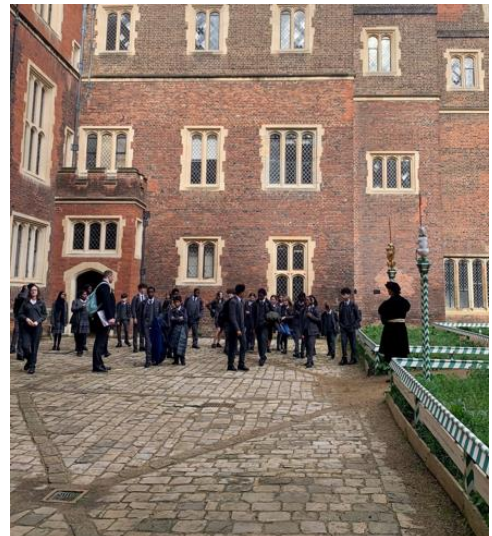
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History Trip to Hampton Court

This week, some year 8 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Hampton Court Palace as a part of their studies on the Tudors. It was a rewarding trip, allowing students to explore the rich history of King Henry VIII and his court. From the grandeur of the Great Hall to the intricate details of the Tudor kitchens, students were captivated by the stories of the past. They asked insightful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day. Overall, it was a fantastic experience, bringing history to life and reinforcing what they've learned in the classroom.



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Jazz Collective

Students meet on Wednesdays after school as part of the Jazz Collective, which is new to the academy this academic year. We look forward to hearing performances from the group in the coming months.

Any student interested in joining the Jazz Collective can speak to the Music Department.



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Half Term – LA Active

Please see below details of a club we are hosting throughout the half-term holiday. Sign-up for the club will need to be made via the contact details shown below.

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Club Manager
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			BLOCK BUILDING		
FRI	NERF FORTS (NEW)	JAILBREAK	ORIGAMI CHALLENGE		
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Getting to Know You

Name: Ben Edwards

Job: Maths teacher

House: Szabo

Currently Reading: Sharpe's Havoc

A favourite film: Marvel avengers assemble

Interesting fact about me: I spent some time helping to train the Ukrainian armed forces

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: Every day is different, bringing new challenges and new experiences



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
International Evening	Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Half term holiday	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November 2024	All Week
INSET day	Monday 4 th November	All Day
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Thursday 7 th November 2024	4.30pm – 6.00pm

