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13th December 2024

Message from the Principal



As the term draws to a close, I'm proud to see our high standards remain strong, with exceptional teaching and student engagement across all classrooms. Visitors to the school earlier this week were impressed by the consistency in teaching and the care shown in teacher-student interactions, highlighting our commitment to both academic success and character development. They highlighted the warmth and care evident in the interactions between teachers and students, as well as the collective commitment to helping our students achieve excellent academic outcomes and develop their character.

A quick reminder that exams for Years 7, 8, 9, and 12 begin on Monday, January 13th. We appreciate parents' support in encouraging students to use revision resources effectively and maintain high standards in their book presentation. Students' exercise books should serve as their best revision guides.

This week marked the final Key Stage 3 enrichment sessions for the term. Thanks to our staff for providing valuable experiences beyond the classroom. We also enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch, and Year 12 students impressed with their super-curricular project presentations. Year 13 received their AP1 results, and we're proud of their achievements. Thank you to everyone who attended Thursday's Year 8 parents' evening—your involvement is crucial to supporting your child's progress.

Next week, we look forward to a special performance by the Brixton Chamber Orchestra, and Year 11 students will receive their latest exam results. We are proud of their hard work and expect much celebration. The last day of term will be a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Ace of Clubs charity, supporting homelessness in our local community.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Mr Hemmings addressed a packed hall at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday, we were absolutely delighted to see so many students and parents/carers, along with a record number of Year 11 students from other schools. Our greatest hope when students join us in Year 7 is that they stay with us for the entire seven years of their academic journey, and the benefits of remaining at the same school throughout are well documented. Applications for our Sixth Form are now open, and you can find the full list of courses available for September 2025 on our website here

<https://www.theelmsacademy.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-curriculum>



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Christmas Dinner for staff and students

A highlight of our school calendar is Christmas lunch which took place on Tuesday. Staff and students wore their festive jumpers and enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by our excellent catering team. This festive celebration provided another opportunity for us to join together as a whole school community and to share the festive celebrations together.



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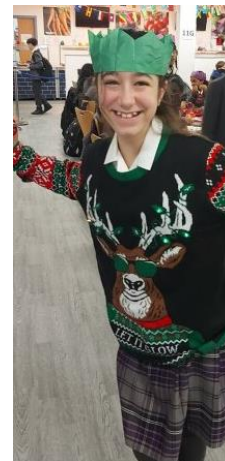
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Year 12 & 13 Health and Social Care

This week, Year 12 and 13 Health and Social Care students had the fantastic opportunity to attend an online talk with a former Elms Academy student, now working as a Band 5 Adult Nurse, and one of their colleagues. The event, organised by Ms. Adam and Mr. Hemming, provided valuable insights into the nursing profession.

During the discussion, the former student shared their experiences of life as a nurse, giving our Sixth Form students a firsthand account of the rewards and challenges of the role. Students were encouraged to ask as many questions as they liked, which proved especially valuable given that many of them are aspiring to pursue careers in healthcare.

By the end of the talk, both year groups were feeling inspired and enthusiastic about the journey ahead. Students expressed how informative and useful the session was, particularly in helping them understand the next steps in their career paths and the possibility of specialising in specific areas within healthcare.



The Elms Academy – One of the top schools in London

The Elms Academy has been rated as one of the top schools in London! We are over the moon to have been listed at no 34 out of all state secondary schools in greater London, **putting us within the top 14 non-selective comprehensive schools in London**. We are so proud of all that we continue to achieve as a community and the tireless effort that staff and students make to enable us to achieve such results.

Read the full report here <https://lnkd.in/eHRYwYrC>

THE  **TIMES**

"Within the Top 14 comprehensive schools in London"
(the Times Parent power list 2025)

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Year 8 Football Fixture

Well done to our Year 8 football team for their excellent performance at their recent fixture. The team worked very well together displaying their skills and strong teamwork. Congratulations to all the students involved.



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Getting to know you

Name: Sarah Levy

Job: French Teacher

House: Archer

Currently Reading: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

A favourite film: *Vertigo*

Interesting fact about me: I am a great lover of birds and nature

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: Getting to know the students and teach them a new language is a privilege.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Winter Snowcase	Monday 16 th December 2024	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Academic Awards Evening	Tuesday 17 th December 2024	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Last day of term	Thursday 19 th December 2024	Students will leave from 12.30pm
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Two weeks
INSET Day	Monday 6 th January 2025	All Day
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 9 th January 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 13 Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th January 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 13 th February 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025	All week