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Friday 14th February 2025

Message from the Principal



As we end the half term, I want to highlight the fantastic work that is happening right across our school. Visiting lessons has been inspiring, with teachers delivering outstanding lessons and students showing great focus and enthusiasm. Their resilience and ambition are leading to impressive progress, and I am incredibly proud of their dedication.

Our enrichment activities are thriving, with popular Monday clubs and Aladdin rehearsals in full, joyful swing. House events, like the spelling bee and slime-making session, have been a great success. It's fantastic to see students embracing new opportunities and enjoying themselves.

Thank you to everyone who supported our own clothes day for the BIGKID Foundation. Our students' generosity and community awareness are heartwarming.

I hope you've seen the letter about our recent parent survey. We had a fantastic response, and we're already acting on your feedback. More details are in the letter. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to support our students.

A special thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 7 Parents' Evening this week. It was great to see so many of you there and to have really productive conversations about how we can work together to support your child in making the best possible progress. Your involvement makes such a difference, and we truly appreciate it.

Key dates to note next half-term.

- On **Tuesday, 25th February**, we have the **Year 12 Parents' Evening**. This is such an important opportunity to ensure we are doing everything we can to help students reach their full potential, and I really hope to see as many of you there as possible.
- We will also be holding an **Online Parent Forum on Monday, 3rd March** at 6.15pm, where we will discuss how to support your child in developing effective revision strategies at home.

Finally, I want to wish you all a fantastic half term break. I hope you have a well-deserved rest and we look forward to seeing students on Monday 24th February refreshed for another successful half term ahead.

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Sporting Success at the Elms Academy

We are delighted to be able to share with you a number of a number of sporting successes achieved over the last few weeks.

Huge congratulations to our Year 8 Football team who won their recent match against Harris Clapham. A victory for our players with the final score 6 – 2.

Abraham and Rylee each scored a goal with Sidik and Ubbay scoring two each. Congratulations to Kian, who was named player of the match. Great work from all the boys who participated.



Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 Girls Touch Rugby team who won their match against Bishop Thomas Grant School with the final score 2 – 1 to The Elms Academy.

Both Javaugh and Ramatu were both named as players for the match. Well done!



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Well done to all the boys who participated in the Year 9 Boys football team and played against Harris Academy Clapham. The final score was 5-4 to us. Omar and Ethan both scored two goals each and Sammy one.

Players of the match were Raekwon and Joshua G. Well done to all who took part in the match.



Sixth Form Race-to-20

Race-to-20 is a school wide attendance and punctuality initiative to support students in getting into school on time for 20 days! On Thursday Morning, The Sixth Form students that had successfully completed their race to 20 cards, received their Bougie Brunch Reward! There is a direct correlation between attendance and attainment that students are seeing the benefit from, but also being at school means that they are a part of the school community and the values we uphold! Well done to this cohort of Year 12 and Year 13 students, continue to be consistent with your attendance and continue to be role models for our school!



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Great Elms Bake Off! Round 1 winners announced



A huge thank you to all our students who took part in our Great Elms Bake Off and for taking the time to create such delicious cupcakes. The judges had a difficult time choosing their favorites but after much deliberation and tasting, they came to a decision.

We are delighted to announce the winners from round 1.

Congratulations to you all!

Best Decorations

Sayra and Ahlem



Most Creative

Lois



2nd and 3rd Best Tasting

Alexandra and Amara



Overall Winner

Charlie Rowland



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King's Scholars: Your Career Pathway Workshop

The Year 9 King's Scholars had a fantastic Wednesday morning in a careers workshop delivered by staff from King's College London. The workshop covered three main topics. Firstly, the students learned about post-16 options, including A-levels, BTECs, T-Levels and apprenticeships. The Scholars then discussed transferable skills and how to showcase these in an interview. The last part was all about practising their interview skills and making a great first impression. The students did an excellent job interviewing each other in pairs and a few brave volunteers had a quick practice interview with a student ambassador from King's. The next activity will be a Careers Fair at the University's Strand Campus – the King's Scholars can't wait!



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Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day was held on Tuesday this week. The focus was on protecting yourself from scams online and, “for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them”.

Each year Safer Internet Day deals with “an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online”.

Further information can be found on their website at the following link:
[Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025	All week
Year 12 Parents Evening	Tuesday 25 th February 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Wednesday 26 th February 2025	Year 11 and 12 normal start time 8.00am Years 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13 Students are expected in school by 8:45a.m
Pathways Evening (Year 9)	Thursday 3 rd April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 th April 2025 – Monday 21 st April 2025	Two Weeks
INSET Day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	All Day
Year 11 Exams Evening	Thursday 24 th April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 1 st May 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Year 11 normal start time 8.00am Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 Students are expected in school by 8:45a.m