

# The Elms Academy

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21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Message from the Principal



Congratulations to our Year 10, 11, and 13 students for completing their exams! Their positivity, determination, and ambition have been inspiring. We eagerly await their results and look forward to celebrating their hard work. For Year 11 and 13, the final push is on with just 20 school days until their final exams. Let's continue to support and encourage them as they make their final preparations!

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming prospective Year 7 students and their families for tours of the school. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement about starting their journey with us in September. A special mention to our incredible tour guides, who showcased our school brilliantly—our visitors were truly impressed! Each new year group brings so much potential, and we are committed to helping every student realise their aspirations.

This week has been Gender Equality Week at The Elms, and we have been focusing on the rights of women and ensuring that women and girls are treated equally in society. Our assembly highlighted the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goal 5, aiming to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls. Tutor sessions covered topics like workplace equality, medicine, and FGM awareness. Students approached these discussions with maturity and provided brilliant insights. As a school community we have pledged to challenge gender stereotypes, discrimination and bias and celebrate women's achievements.

On Tuesday, 80 students enjoyed a reward trip to the O2 arena, experiencing Clip 'n Climb and bowling, followed by lunch. Their enthusiasm and courage were inspiring, especially Mr. Blackburn's brave 10m vertical drop slide!

On Thursday and Friday, Year 11 students experienced life as sixth formers during taster days. Having doubled in size in recent years, our thriving Sixth Form continues to grow. Our Sixth Form students are outstanding ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students continue their education with us. Take a look at what some of our current Year 12 students have to say on our Instagram feed here <https://instagram.com/theelmsacademy>.

A reminder that our PSA (Parent-Staff Association) Coffee Morning is taking place next Friday, 28th March, from 9:00am to 10:30 am. This is a great chance to meet other parents, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with cake, and learn more about how the PSA supports our school community. Everyone is welcome!

Lastly, I wanted to inform you that there have been some updates to our PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education) & RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) curriculum. Please visit the school website to explore the curriculum overview and policy documents: <https://www.theelmsacademy.org.uk/learning/curriculum-maps>

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### Shakespeare Schools Performance

Last week, students from the Elms took to the stage at The Exchange, Twickenham, to perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. After months of dedicated rehearsals in their Monday enrichment sessions, our KS3 actors, supported by a talented Year 10 tech and directing team, delivered a brilliant performance that left the audience thoroughly entertained.

Despite initial nerves, the students rose to the occasion, bringing Shakespeare's comedy to life with energy and charm. The SSF team praised the performance, describing it as "comical and full of character." Performing to a paying audience in such a special venue was an unforgettable experience for all involved. The cast and crew did Elms Academy proud, and we look forward to seeing some of these names on the screen in years to come.

Congratulations to everyone who took part - you were fantastic!



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### Student Achievement

Our Sixth Form is celebrating incredible success as three of our students have won places to study at Oxford and Cambridge.



Kelly, who joined The Elms in Year 9 after moving to the UK from Italy, will read Archaeology.



Arian, who came to our Sixth Form from The Hurlingham Academy, will study Physics.

The third student will study French and English at Oxford.

In total, six students received interviews: three already have offers, and we are waiting on the outcome for one more student! This is an incredible achievement. Huge congratulations to you all.



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### Sporting news

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 girls who participated in the football tournament last week.

Elms A put on an outstanding performance and finished as runners-up. Kimbereley scored twelve goals, with Ismaila scoring four goals and Izzy one. Kimberly earned the title of Player of the Tournament!



Elms B secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Group Stage. Federica, Aaliyah and Azariah scored a goal each. The player of the tournament was Skye.



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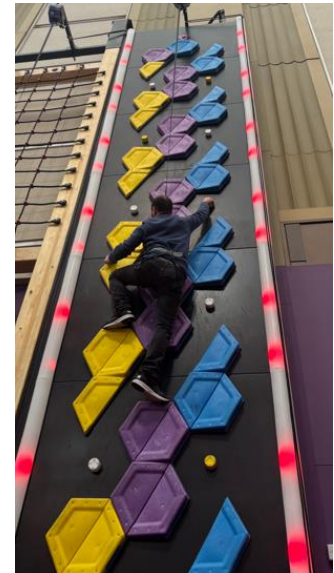
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### Golden Postcard Reward Trip

On Wednesday students took part in a Golden Postcard reward trip to the O2 Arena to participate in bowling as well as Clip and Climb. Well done to all who went on the trip and for making it an enjoyable day out.



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### London Youth Games

Huge congratulations to Ahlem who participated in the London Youth Games this week with her cycling team which she has been a member of since primary school. The team secured third place!



### Parent / Staff Association Coffee Morning



We look forward to welcoming you to our PSA coffee morning on Friday 28th March, from 9.00-10.30am in school.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and hear a little more about our Parent-Staff Association (PSA) - Friends of The Elms Academy.

It will be a very informal and friendly gathering, with no obligation to commit to anything—just a chance to learn more and see how you might like to get involved. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along!

If you are able to make it, then please RSVP to Ms Whittle at [cnugent-whittle@theelmsacademy.org.uk](mailto:cnugent-whittle@theelmsacademy.org.uk).

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### House Competition

Students are invited to create a research page on an inspiring woman from history, modern day or someone they know. They are to present their work in any art form. The deadline for completion is Monday 24th March. All entries will receive House points and merits. We look forward to seeing the submissions.



### Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Parent / Staff Association Coffee Morning	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	9.00am – 10.30am
Pathways Evening (Year 9)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Two Weeks
INSET Day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	All Day
Year 11 Exams Evening	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	All Week