

# The Elms Academy

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Message from the Principal



Dear parents,

I hope this message finds you well. As we reflect on this past week, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the challenges many of our staff and students have faced. It's been a difficult time for some, yet what has stood out is the strength of our community. The bonds we've built between staff, students, and families have been clear, and this week has shown how much we can rely on each other when needed. Our sense of togetherness has been uplifting, and it is this spirit that will carry us forward as we continue to support one another in the weeks and months to come.

We understand that the impact of recent events is ongoing, and we are committed to providing the necessary support for all who need it. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you or your child require additional assistance during this time. We are here for you, and we are here for each other.

In brighter news, I'm thrilled to share that our students have been selected by the English Rugby Football Union (RFU) to help launch an exciting new initiative aimed at increasing participation in sport. This is a wonderful recognition of our students' dedication and enthusiasm. Former England international Luther Burrell was a special guest this week, working with the students to enhance their skills. The RFU were incredibly impressed with both the abilities and the attitudes of our students, and I know you will be as proud of them as we are.

As we celebrate these achievements, I must also take a moment to address a small but important issue. I've been speaking with some of our neighbours on Elms Road who have kindly expressed concerns about parking during school pick-up times. Unfortunately, there have been instances where driveways have been blocked, or cars double-parked and left unattended. I kindly ask all parents to be mindful of our local residents and the safety of our students. By being considerate in how and where we park, we can ensure a safer and smoother experience for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and cooperation. Together, we will continue to build a strong and caring community for our students to thrive in.

Jon Lynes

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### International Evening



We are very excited to be able to invite you all to our annual **International Evening** which will take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### Multi-Arts Competition

As part of our International Evening celebrations and the "Reclaiming Narratives" project, students are invited to create a piece of art, poetry, write a short story, a piece of music or a song that tells the story of their family and culture. All work will be displayed at International Evening.



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### Cheerleading Try Outs



We are pleased to be able to launch The Elms Academy Cheerleaders.

Students from year 7 to year 10 are invited to represent their house by participating in the Cheerleading try outs, which take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at lunchtime. Everyone is welcome.

### Into University Workshop



Arani and Floss visited us on Tuesday from Into University. They came in to speak to our Year 10 students about life beyond education, providing inspiration and resources to enable students to explore the various different pathways they could pursue when they leave schools, including university and apprenticeships.

IntoUniversity are an educational charity that focuses on raising students' aspirations when it comes to their future pathways, inspiring them with trips and workshops, which develop skills such as learning techniques, team work and public speaking.

We work with IntoUniversity across every year group as part of our Careers and Higher Education Guidance programme which aims to provide our students with a vital understanding of the world of work and support them in making decisions about their future.

Read more on our website; <https://www.theelmsacademy.org.uk/curriculum/careers>

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## Getting to Know You

Name: Ana Navarro Fisher

Job: Office Administrator & Receptionist

House: Archer

Currently Reading: A Thousand Splendid Suns Novel by Khaled Hosseini

A favourite film: The Godfather

Interesting fact about me: I speak three languages fluently (trilingual) - Spanish, Catalan, and English

What I like about working at The Elms Academy: The warm community feel it has!



## Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Key Stage 3 Information Evening ONLINE	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	5.00pm – 6.30pm
International Evening	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Half term holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	All Week
INSET day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	2.00pm – 5.00pm



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