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31st January 2025

Message from the Principal



With 50 days until the first GCSE and A Level exams, the countdown is on. Our students have been working incredibly hard, with Year 10, 11, and 13 preparing for mock exams, and Key Stage 3 students striving for excellence after their recent mock results. It's been a pleasure to see in lessons this week.

A special shoutout to Year 11 and 13 students for their commitment, revising late in libraries and staying in school past 6.00pm. Their ambition and determination embody our school values. Please keep encouraging them at home to give them the avoid any regrets when results come in the summer. Thanks for your continued support.

We've also celebrated Chinese New Year at lunchtime every day this week, with students and staff enjoying bubble tea and wontons, and learning about Chinese culture.

Monday's enrichment clubs were in full swing, providing students with fantastic experiences beyond the classroom. It was great to see so many engaged and enthusiastic students making the most of these opportunities.

Next week, we look forward to The Elms Academy bake-off with show-stopping cupcakes and our highly anticipated production of Aladdin on February 27th and 28th. Thanks to our Performing Arts Department and students for their hard work in rehearsals. It's shaping up to be something truly special.

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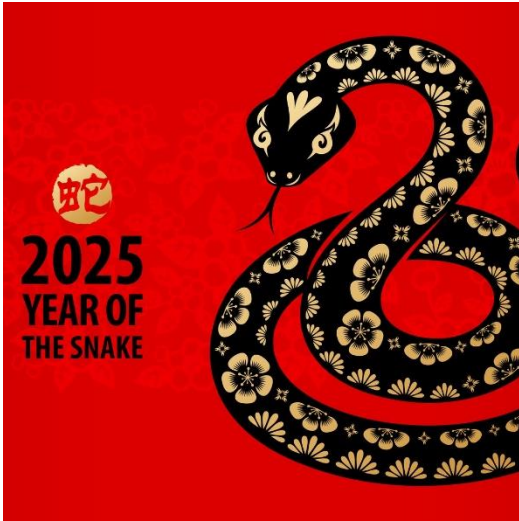
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Chinese New Year Celebrations



We joined together this week to celebrate Chinese New Year. This is the year of the snake which is a “time to shed old patterns, embrace new possibilities, and foster resilience in the face of challenges.”

We enjoyed a variety of events during lunchtime including the opportunity to sample bubble tea, spring rolls and dumplings as well as Fortune cookies.



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Enrichment Craft Club- Chinese Dragon

To Celebrate Chinese New Year - the year of the snake - the crafting club made a spiral hanging snake decoration by cutting out a spiral template, decorating it, and then fashioning a central stick decorated with the Chinese characters for happy new year: xīn nián hǎo 新年好



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Careers Drop Down Day

Another successful Careers Drop Down Morning offered our students valuable opportunities to meet inspiring professionals and university representatives. Year 7s learned about the importance of conducting research to better our communities with Lambeth HEART. Year 8s raised their aspirations with a guest speaker from King's College London and enhanced their financial literacy in teacher-led sessions. Year 9 were inspired by Andre Arundell, the founder of The Start Up UK. Employees from The Capital Group presented a motivational assembly talk to the Year 10. Finally, Year 12 students explored careers in the tech industry with volunteers from Gett, the black cab app. We are proud to see our students so well engaged in thinking about their future careers.



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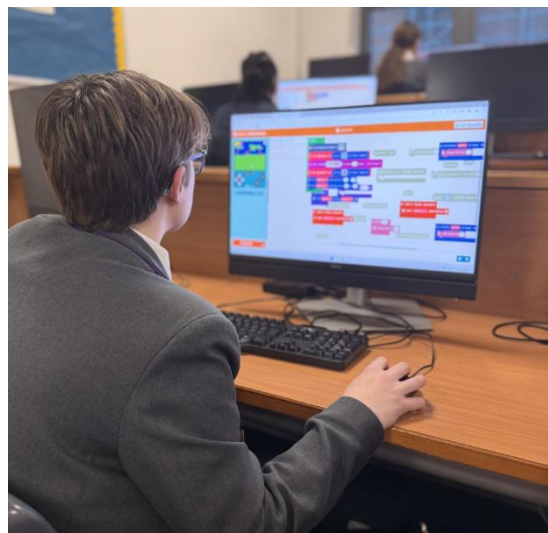
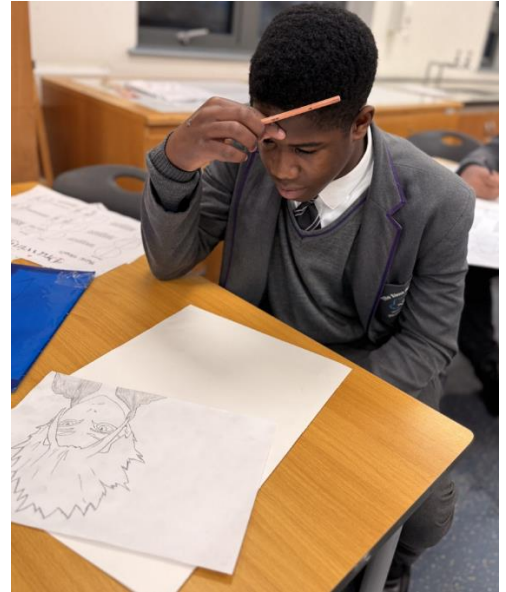
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KS3 Enrichment

Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 participated in their chosen enrichment club on Monday. A wide variety of clubs take place every Monday from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Music Technology, Chess Club, Art Club and Elms Masterchefs are only a few of the exciting extra-curricular opportunities available to students.



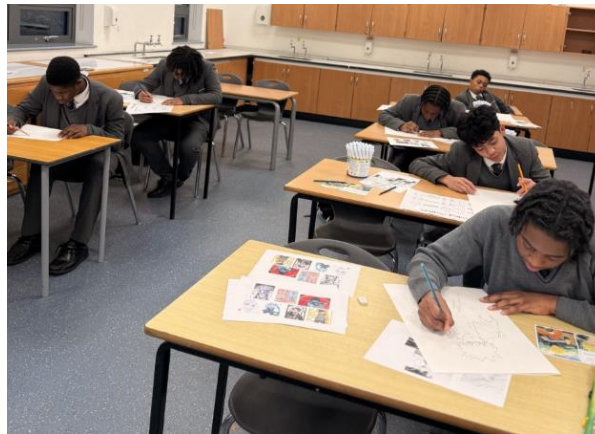
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Key Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 13 th February 2025	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Late start for students	Friday 14 th February 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
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
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

