25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Message from the Principal



It's been another fantastic week at The Elms Academy. It's been a pleasure to greet each student in the morning as they walk up from line up and I am so impressed with their positivity, confidence and good manners. We always talk about how first impressions really matter and our students really do make a great one!

It has been great to see so many of our students achieving 100% attendance and punctuality: being in school every day on time. This makes such a difference when they are in all of their lessons in front of their brilliant teachers, making the most possible progress. It also allows them

to access all of the opportunities that they are offered at the school.

This week, Key Stage 3 students have been signing up for their Monday enrichment clubs. We are able to deliver a really exciting offer, including chess masters, debating, knitting ninjas and even eco warriors. We are really looking forward to the launch of these clubs on Monday next week.

We are hosting our Open Evening on Wednesday next week, and we are looking forward to showcasing our amazing student ambassadors who will be showing parents around and answering questions in the department areas. Please do spread the word to anyone with primary school age children to come and have a look. It is always a real privilege to show off the best of what we do here, and I really appreciate your support with this.

Have a great weekend.



#### 11 Geography Trip

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September the GCSE Geography student's Walton-on-Naze and carried out their compulsory trip to the coast. Students investigated the effectiveness of coastal management by measuring the groyne drop height and sediment characteristics. Students will be assessed on this in their exam in 2024!











#### **Year 10 Trip to the Globe Theatre**

Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to watch Macbeth at Shakespeare's Globe this week to support their study of the play in English. Students really enjoyed seeing the play come to life on stage.





### Year 7 House system launch

Year 7 students were allocated their House this week. House competitions take place twice weekly at lunchtime and are a great opportunity to make friends and have fun. Points are awarded to each house from merits, perfect attendance, a good behavior record and for homework completion each term.













#### **KS3 Monday Enrichment Launch**

We are pleased to announce the launch of our Monday Enrichment for Years 7, 8 & 9. Students will be able to select their Enrichment Options by filling in the online form using the link sent to by email and posted on Show My Homework. Clubs will run until Christmas and then students will choose again in January. Enrichment is compulsory for y7, 8 & 9 and will take place each Monday at 3:30pm until 4:30pm.

#### **Student photographs**

On Thursday we invited in a team of professional photographers to update our student photos.







### **Key Dates for Your Diary**

| Event  | Date   | Time            |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Students in at 9.30am – this is following our Open Evening on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023         | 9.30am          |
| Year 7 and Year 8 enrichment begins  | 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>MONDAY'S ONLY | 3.30pm – 4.30pm |
| Year 11 Final Push Evening   | 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                     | 4.45pm – 6pm    |
| Grammar Stream Evening   | 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                     | 4.30pm          |
| Welcome to GCSE Evening  | 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                    | 4.30pm – 6.30pm |
| Welcome to KST 3 Evening – Year 7, 8 & 9   | 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                    | 4.30pm          |
| October Half Term  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 | All week        |
| Inset Day  | 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                    | All day         |