

Newsletter

Summer 2022

Term Dates 2022/23

Monday 5 September – School opens at 8.50am

Thursday 20 October -School closes at 3.15

Monday 31 October -School re-opens

Friday 16 December -School closes at 2pm

Wednesday 4 January 2023 -School re-opens



Welcome from the Headteacher



It has been a great summer term, our students across the school and college have transitioned into their new classes ready for September 2022. It is lovely seeing the Year 11 students blossom into young adults who are all settling in really well.

The school students have embraced the challenges of putting on the first whole school play in three years! This has been a great opportunity to focus on our wellbeing as well as create something so amazing! Our sing-a-long sessions have blown the roof off each day – what an awesome group of singers and signers we have – we are truly proud of all of their achievements in this period.

It has been lovely to host our school and college prom again, as we have not been able to do this for so long. I truly wish all our leavers the very best for their new ventures at various colleges or in new employment roles.

Elms Bank have continued to achieve awards in areas we feel really passionate about - the Silver Award in Sign-a-long, this has given us greater confidence to work towards gold, a gold award for our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum work that threads through everything we do at Elms Bank.

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our families in their continued support of the school. Without this support, our amazing staff would not be able to achieve what they achieve with our students. We are really grateful.

We say goodbye to a range of staff who are moving on to pastures new. I would like to say a special goodbye to Yvonne Hall, who has been with the school for 13 years and held various roles. She has raised a lot of money for several projects over the years and her contribution to Elms Bank students will not be forgotten. We all wish you a wonderful retirement in your VW camper! Additionally, Nicola Murphy, who started at Elms Bank 23 years ago, is going to study to become a nurse. We wish you all the luck in your new career.

We are busily planning the start of our new school year, we hope that you have a restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 5 September 2022, as well as welcoming our wonderful new Year 7's.

Have a lovely summertime, Mrs Langley-Sadler



Recycling **In Maple Class**

Maple have been doing their part in school to protect our planet by recycling all the used paper and card into the correct bins! #recycle#saveourplant



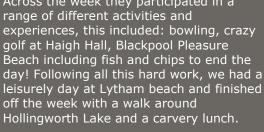


YEAR 11 Residential Trip 2022

After all the hard work of exams and accreditation, 17 Year 11 students had a great time on residential at Moorland

Across the week they participated in a range of different activities and experiences, this included: bowling, crazy golf at Haigh Hall, Blackpool Pleasure Beach including fish and chips to end the off the week with a walk around Hollingworth Lake and a carvery lunch.

Everyone had a great time!



Y11 Celebration Assembly and Leavers' Prom

Thursday 16 June was our Y11 Assembly, the students all received a personalized Oscar style award. Form teachers also gave a speech about each pupil, highlighting their key achievements over their time at Elms Bank. These were inspirational, emotional and also very amazing.



The students performed a fantastic opening dance! Talk about making an entrance. It really was a brilliant event and we would like to say a huge thank you to the families that were able to attend.



To those leaving Elms Bank and moving on to other colleges or work placements, we wish you all the best and know that you will be amazing!





Are you entitled?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

Free school meals are also available for eligible households with:

- · children at local authority maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank College
- students who receive Income Support or Incomebased Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

If you think your child may be eligible, please visit www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Later in the day, we held our prom at the College Hub for leavers in Y11 and Y14. The staff were blown away by how fantastic the students looked - some of you we could barely recognize! Students collaborated to choose the décor and were met with a red carpet, balloon arch, and Shlur to drink. Inside we had photo walls and a mocktail bar.











This year, over 120 pupils from across all pathways performed in our amazing school production of 'Grease.'

The production was a resounding success, with students showcasing their talents in acting, singing, signing and dance. We also had many students helping behind the scenes making merchandise, props and supporting with refreshments on the day. The school production is a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together to work as a team and develop friendships and the support shown to one another throughout the rehearsals was great to see.

Students performed four shows over two days with confidence and enthusiasm – even when the temperature reached record breaking levels! Thank you to all our parents, friends and local schools for coming to watch our wonderful show. Your support is very much appreciated.









Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Well done to all the Year 12 & 13 students who completed their DofE Bronze expedition in June.

We had a great time walking from Nuttall Park in Ramsbottom to the College Hub, with an overnight camp at Giants Seat Scout Campsite, Radcliffe. All pupils did amazingly well and showed real Elms Bank values in completing the grueling 2-day expedition. We really enjoyed the camping and were blessed with some lovely weather. Lots of staff came out to visit us, although maybe they were just after our s'mores

A huge congratulations to all the pupils involved. You are truly inspirational and we are so proud of you.

and midnight snacks!!





Ripon Class Connect Scheme of work

Ripon Class have worked as a team following our Connect scheme of work based on the 5 steps to excellence for all. We have transformed a box into a Grease themed stretch limo. We sat and discussed ideas, made plans and then built it! We will be using our stretch limo for a drive thru cinema afternoon experience.







Elms Bank Sports Day

The morning saw a MuGA full of colour and excited participants enthusiastically warmed up by Miss Hall, followed by events all across the school. Each form was given a country to compete as, and as always, the staff and pupils did not hold back.

Events on the field included the javelin, shotput throw, 100m sprint, the grueling 400m, long jump and triple jump. Moving inside, we had hoopla and the speed bounce alongside many, many more.

Mr Herbert took the glory in the staff 100m race after Mr Hale took a tumble towards the finish



Check out our pupils participating in Sports Day 2022!!





Wood took the top form prize for Inspire & Nurture, with Austen and Crompton close behind. Heathfield & Nuttall were hot on the tail of Glendale who took the award for Explore & SP. Hazel came away with the prize for Thrive with Maple & Cedar narrowly missing out!

Fun Day - Friday 17 June

The day started off with glorious sunshine and Miss Hall started a water fight on our MuGA area.

We had inflatables on the Sports field which was very popular all day. Other activities included Miss Stewart leading our trampoline session with everyone having a spring in their step! We also had cake pop making, face painting, pamper sessions and slime making amongst other activities. At the end of the day the Sports Hall was transformed into our very own Disco Hall.

Overall fun day lived up to its name and reputation!





Health Assessment

All young people from age 14 are invited to an annual health assessment with their GP.

This is an opportunity for your GP to get to know your child before they move into adult services.

Please follow the link below for more information.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/learning-disabilities/annual-health-checks/

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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