



Elms Bank
School & College

Newsletter

Welcome from the Headteacher

Thank you to our amazing students and staff for making 2022-23 a very special year. Our talented students have achieved so much, and we are extremely proud of them!



Students have transitioned into their new classes ready for September 2023 and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Y7's.

It is time to say goodbye to some of our students. Although we are sad, we are looking forward to hearing about their next adventure and wish them every success. Each of the pupils have grown into people we are immensely proud of and so happy they have been part of Elms Bank.

The year ended with a wonderful performance of The Rocky Monster production. I know all the students have enjoyed taking part or working behind the scenes. I am so delighted with the enthusiasm shown by all the students. The production was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We are looking to celebrating with our Y11 and Y14 achievements at Results Day on 24 August 2023 at 9am for the big reveal of their amazing results!

I hope that you all have a restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back on the 7 September 2023.

Happy Holidays. Mrs Langley-Sadler

Term Dates 2023

School re-opens
Thursday 7 September

Mid Term Holiday
Friday 20 October —
School closes at 3.15pm

Monday 30 October -
School re-opens



Elms Bank Football Tournament

A team of Elms Bank students attended a football tournament at Man City Football Club on 17 May. The 10 students who represented Elms Bank showed excellent teamwork skills throughout the tournament. Elms Bank competed against 7 teams from across Manchester in the Championship Division. Elms Bank won 4, drew 1 and lost 2. Each player received a medal and certificate for taking part! Well done to everyone taking part – we are proud of you.



Leading Parent Partnership Award

We are pleased to announce that following our verification visit on 7 June 2023, Elms Bank have been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who came to speak to the verifier, who came to parent meetings, and who completed the surveys. We have appreciated all your helpful feedback. Home to school communication and information sharing were topics raised by many. We hope that the launch of the Parentsapp will be a useful tool. We will continue to seek your views and ideas over the next academic year.



Excellence for All



North West Boccia Finals

The Elms Bank Team came 2nd in the final.

Great achievement — well done!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

7-8 June 2023



12 intrepid adventurers set off from Nuttall Park in Ramsbottom, their objective to walk back to the College Hub via Giants Seat Campsite in Radcliffe.

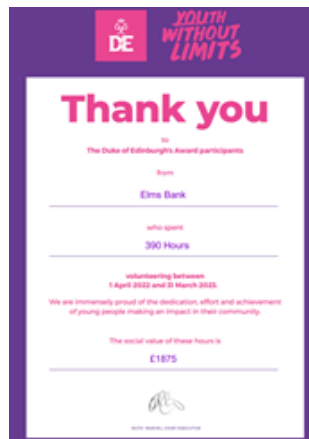
They navigated their way out of Ramsbottom, on to the Irwell Sculpture Trail and into Burrs Country Park. We regrouped there, enjoyed lunch before setting off through Bury and onto the Radcliffe Riverside. All did really well, walking with determination and showing resilience to complete the first day of our 2 day hike.

Once at camp we set up tents, cooked our meals on the Trangia gas stoves and got ready for a nice early night! Unfortunately, Mr Lindo had other ideas and got the party started with his amazing DJ skills! We had a great time dancing the evening away (we had forgotten about our sore feet by now), cooking s'mores on the firepit and playing games on the field.

Luckily the following day's walk was shorter and we just needed to make the journey back to College having packed up our kit. The weather stayed glorious throughout and we had a great walk back through Philips Park, into Prestwich Clough and to College.



Well done to everyone who completed their Bronze expedition and a huge thank you to the staff who helped out.



Free School Meals

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 lunch

students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank College

students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

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



Heathfield and Ripon Classes

This term Heathfield and Ripon students had an exciting opportunity to develop their instrumental and music making skills during a visit from the orchestra!

The event was led by Chris from the Halle Orchestra who gave the young people an opportunity to play, listen to and develop their understanding of a symphony orchestra. We would like to thank the Year 8 students involved for being fully engaged, focused and thoughtful. They were passionate at getting a chance to learn how to play the Violin and thrived at the opportunity to be a conductor.

Lets hope Chris will return in the future!



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The Rocky Monster Show



This term saw students from across school take part in our annual school production – 'The Rocky Monster Show'.

In addition to the 100 students who took part on stage, we had the support of others through the production of props, merchandise, technical support, and even the setup of our spooky diner.

All the students worked diligently to ensure the success of the show, and the performances were met with resounding applause.

We were thrilled to see so many Elms Bank parents and friends attend the four performances over the course of two days. I'm sure you will all agree the students put on an energetic and highly accomplished performance, even managing to get everyone up for the Time Warp at the end.

A huge well done to the students and the staff involved.

Prom Night



Students gathered at The Hub to celebrate their achievements and accomplishments from over the years with family, friends and staff members. Everyone was welcomed with a glass of bubbly to enjoy whilst listening to the staff band before heading down the red carpet into the party. The atmosphere inside was electric; mocktails were flowing and the music from the DJ booth was pumping.

Everybody enjoyed chatting about memories, dancing the night away and devouring the hot dogs, burgers and sweet treats. The night ended with a special appearance from one of our Year 13 students, Eisa, on the DJ decks and ice-creams all round from Jo's Ices. A

huge thank you to everyone involved and, again, a reminder of how proud we all are of our leavers!



Parentsapps



We are pleased to inform you that we are changing how we communicate with you from school via Parentapps.

Our new app is free to download and is available for both Apple and Android devices. It will provide you with instant access to our term dates, event information, newsletters, social media, website and much more.

Additionally, you will be able to view and submit consent forms easily and receive secure documents. The app will also enable you to invite additional family members, ensuring that the right people have access to important information.

We will use the app to send targeted messages via push notifications so you aren't bombarded with messages that are not relevant.

Lastly, the app is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via email or SMS message.



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Internship Placements

Liam and Aminah have been recognised at their placements for professionalism, outstanding attitudes and for being all round team players.

Also..

Congratulations to Marc on securing paid work at Radcliffe Market!



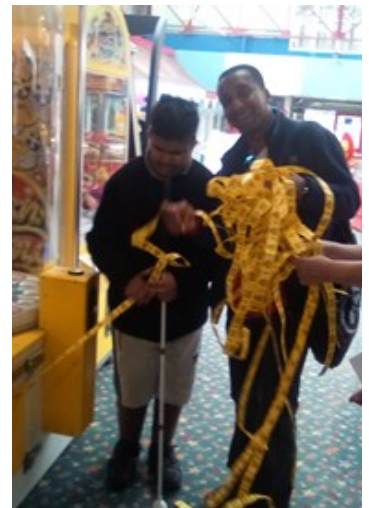
Year 7 Moorland Residential Trip

The first day we went bowling, everyone had their highs and lows but all left with a big smile! After dinner we watched Mario Bros film at the nearby cinema, before settling down for the night.

The next day we were off to Blackpool Pleasure Beach where we spent the day on various rides, facing our fears and some Year 7's even went on the Big One!

Thursday we went to Lytham St Annes on the beach building sandcastles, playing badminton and even had a paddle in the sea. Dinner was fish and chips.

The last day we visited Hollingworth Lake and had a lovely roast dinner before travelling back to school.



Year 11's Leavers Assembly

A huge well done to all our Year 11's for their achievements whilst at Elms Bank. It was lovely to reflect on the pupils' journeys and share some anecdotes of their time here during their Leavers' Assembly. We had some amazing music from Kieron and Mr Peachman, as well as our Elms Bank choir. Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to support. It was a great turnout.

Thanks also to Mrs Taylor and Crompton class for putting on refreshments for parents and students to enjoy in the Bistro after the assembly.



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