

Upper School Curriculum Statement 2016-17

The aim of the Upper School is to deliver the broad Waldorf Curriculum and to prepare pupils for GCSE examinations.

Within the Curriculum pupils are encouraged to develop a range of skills that equip the individual to be creative and adaptable in fields beyond that which they have specifically learned. With this in mind the broad variety of interlinked, cross-curricular subjects taught through Main Lesson, Modules and Subject Lessons lends itself to preparing the adolescent to discover his/her own individuality, judgement and discernment and develop a moral and ethical will based on insight. It also enables us to send out pupils into life who can fulfil their own potential and who can use creative, imaginative and constructive skills to undertake whatever tasks in life come their way.

The Upper School Curriculum aims to combine schooling the intellect with caring for imaginative qualities and character building. Therefore artistic and practical activities are seen as being of equal value to the provision of knowledge and each field of experience should be integrated into the whole. The Curriculum is not merely a syllabus to be ticked off item by item, but is a Curriculum which allows age-appropriate development at each specific stage.

The pupils will be encouraged to become familiar with the world and the challenges it sets them and to set about developing powers of independent judgement, intellect and a striving towards truth.

Lessons in the Upper School are taught by specialist subject teachers and each pupil will experience a Module, Main Lesson and a variety of Subject Lessons every day. Alongside the Waldorf Curriculum comes GCSE preparation. At Elmfield, examinations are taken over two years so that the Waldorf Curriculum is not overly compromised. All Upper School pupils also follow lessons in Religion, and Class 9 has IT lessons at a local 6th form college. Some students have additional Maths and English support lessons, called Core Skills.

Module Options on offer in Upper School for 2016 -2017 are:

Archery	Art	Basketball	Blacksmithing
Bothmer Gym	Choreography	Class 11 Play	Class 9 Play
Cookery	Craft	Cricket	Cycling
Dance	Dressmaking	Eurythmy	Folk Music
Gymnastics	Jewellery Making	Outdoor Skills	Pottery
Running	Shadow Puppets	Shakespeare Festival	Song Writing
Sports	Tennis	Tie Dye	

Main Lessons covered in Classes 9, 10 and 11 in 2016-2017 are:

Class 9	Class 10	Class 11
History of Drama	History	Physics
History of Art	Physics	Psychology
Psychology	History of Literature	Biology
Biology	History of Art	Geography
Chemistry	Poetry	History of Music
Geometry	Chemistry	Class 11 Play
Technology	Biology	Parsifal
History of Civilisation	Poetry	Chemistry
Class 9 Play	Trigonometry	Community projects
Class Trip	Class Trip	Class Trip

GCSE Options on offer in Upper School for 2016-2017 are:

English Language	Mathematics	French	German
Art	Drama (from 2018)	English Literature	Music (until 2017)
History	Chemistry (until 2017)	Physics (until 2017)	Biology (until 2017)
Double Science (from 2018)			

Class Trips:

Class 9	Trip to Schloss Hamborn in Paderborn, Elmfield's sister school in Germany
Class 10	Trip after work experience, usually in the UK and complementing a Main Lesson
Class 11	As the last trip for the class this is usually overseas and has an educational and/or community service element.

We hope that a Waldorf education prepares the young person to enter adulthood:

With a reverence for the World's beauty and challenges;
With the ability to make independent judgements;
With analytical and critical faculties
And the self-discipline to demand the best of themselves.