



## Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School

# Upper School Curriculum Statement

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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 craft module, movement module, main lesson and a variety of subject lessons every week.

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 have a Tutorial with their class guardians.

## **Main Lessons covered in Classes 9, 10 and 11:**

<b>Class 9</b>	<b>Class 10</b>	<b>Class 11</b>
Ecology	History of Art	
Telecomms & Sound	Trigonometry	Life Sciences
History	Old English	History of Music
Geography	History	Literature
Drama	Human Biology	Chemistry
Craft	Kinematics	Science
Class Play	Geography	Craft
Geometry	Work Experience	History
Permaculture	Chemistry	Class Play
Organic Chemistry		Astronomy
European Literature		Class Trip
Human Biology		
Class Trip		

### **GCSE/Btech Options on offer in Upper School are:**

English Language, Mathematics, Spanish, German, Art, Drama, Performing Arts, English Literature, Music, Geography, Sports Leaders, History, Co-Ordinated Science Award, Biology and the HPQ.

### **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.