



11+ Exam and Secondary Preparation

At Elmhurst, we provide boys with the necessary skills to thrive in the 21st Century, through a well-rounded education.

We also prepare pupils in a number of ways for both the 11+ and for life in their chosen secondary schools. You may find this document helpful in understanding the timescale for this.



Month	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
September	<p>11+ Mock Exam and short report to parents detailing exam technique.</p> <p>Kent Grammar Entrance</p> <p>Sutton Grammar School Common Entrance Exams (Set dates vary)</p> <p>Pupils are given the task of being a buddy to the youngest in the school to help foster responsibility. Pupils are also given the chance to become prefects for the same reason. Year 6 have buddy lunches with younger pupils regularly.</p> <p>St Olave's Exam 1st Round (dates vary)</p> <p>Meetings with Head and Deputy to discuss your applications for secondary schools.</p>	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning continue to be taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p> <p>Specialist Teachers throughout Year 5 to teach curriculum.</p>	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p> <p>Pupils are pushed on as much as possible in Maths and English to prepare them for Year 5 and 6. The Inspire Maths programme supports this throughout the school and pupils are given challenging texts in English, as appropriate.</p>
October	<p>Meetings with Head and Deputy to discuss your applications for secondary schools.</p>	<p>Meetings with Head and Deputy to discuss your plans for your son and his Secondary Education, based on school tests, child potential and attainment in Year 4.</p>	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p>
November	<p>St Olave's Exam 2nd Round (dates vary)</p> <p>Mock interview practice takes place with Head/Deputy.</p>	<p>Meetings with Head and Deputy to discuss your plans for your son and his Secondary Education, based on school tests, child potential and attainment in Year 4.</p> <p>Year 5 Poetry Performance Evening to develop confidence in speaking and a better working knowledge of poetry for 11+.</p>	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p>
December	<p>Mock interview practice takes place with Head/Deputy.</p> <p>Year 6 pupils must continue to work 'a little and often' over Christmas period.</p>		<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p>
January	<p>Independent School Exams</p> <p>Mock interview practice takes place with Head/Deputy.</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools.</p> <p>Interviews at independent schools take place.</p> <p>Sports and academic scholarships for the independent schools.</p>	<p>Booster lessons in Maths and English begin.</p>	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p>

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February	<p>Interviews at independent schools take place.</p> <p>Sports and academic scholarships for the independent schools.</p> <p>Parents are notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)</p> <p>Stride: Economics lessons in entrepreneurialism.</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools.</p>	Past 11+ Papers are gradually introduced into the curriculum.	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.
March	<p>Parents are notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)</p> <p>Stride: Economics lessons in entrepreneurialism</p> <p>Trip to Sutton Life Centre to gain experience and training on various aspects of PSHCEE with a focus on transition to secondary school e.g. safety on independent travel on transport, drug awareness, e-safety, anti-bullying, fire safety, knife crime etc.</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools.</p>	Timed practice in 11+ is gradually introduced.	<p>Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.</p> <p>Years 3 and 4 Play to develop confidence when performing to an audience.</p>
April	English Speaking Board preparation to develop confidence and independent learning.	Support for applications for scholarships is given consideration by school.	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.
May	<p>Year 6 Residential to develop confidence, independence and collaboration.</p> <p>English Speaking Board Exam.</p>	<p>Stricter tests in the style of 11+ are given as practice.</p> <p>Support for applications for scholarships is given consideration by school.</p>	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.
June	<p>Year 6 Play preparation: usually based on a work by Shakespeare to expose children to a Key Stage 3 level of English teaching.</p> <p>Sex Education focusing on changes that come with puberty.</p>	Information given to parents on dates for 11+ exams from September following year.	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.
July	Year 6 Play to develop confidence in public performance.	Pupils given the task of being a buddy to the youngest in the school to help foster responsibility. Pupils are also given the chance to become prefects for the same reason.	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning are taught discreetly as part of the Curriculum.
Summer Holidays	Rest easy, assured that your son has become a well-rounded individual, prepared with necessary skills to thrive at his secondary school of choice.	11+ practice material given out in school. Pupils must continue to work over holidays 'a little and often' so as to keep up their skill level for September.	Holiday homework given out.