ELMHURST
SCHOOL FOR BOYS
AGES 3-11

11+ Exam and Secondary Preparation

At Elmhurst, we provide a rich and balanced curriculum so that our boys develop the necessary skills, knowledge, character and confidence to excel both from an academic and pastoral perspective. Our comprehensive transition programme prepares Elmhurst boys for their 11+ exams, and for life at Secondary School and beyond.

Our weekly timetable includes carefully targeted daily teaching in Maths and English, and discrete Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning lessons, for individual stretch and challenge.

Month	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Sep	Meet the Teacher information evening Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. Personal Learning Plans provided to parents/carers with individual targets. **Kent Grammar Entrance** **Sutton Grammar School Common Entrance Exams (SET) dates vary** Y6 pupils are given a 'buddy' from the youngest boys in the school to foster responsibility. Pupils are given the chance to become House Captains or School Councillors. **St Olave's Exam 1st Round (dates vary)**	Meet the Teacher information evening Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. Personal Learning Plans provided to parents/carers with individual targets.	Meet the Teacher information evening Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. Personal Learning Plans provided to parents/carers with individual targets.	Meet the Teacher information evening Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. Personal Learning Plans provided to parents/carers with individual targets.
Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings. Meetings on request to discuss applications for secondary schools.	Parent Teacher Meetings. Year 5 Poetry Performance Evening to develop confidence in speaking and a better working knowledge of poetry for 11+.	Parent Teacher Meetings.	Parent Teacher Meetings. Pupils given access to Atom Learning, an online platform to consolidate knowledge in Maths, English, Science and VR & Non-VR.
Nov	Online age-standardised reading and spelling assessments generate specific targets. Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning. **St Olave's Exam 2nd Round (dates vary)** **Deadlines for Independent School applications (dates vary)** Mock interview practice takes place.	Online age-standardised reading and spelling assessments generate specific targets. Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning. Secondary School Information evenings.	Online age-standardised reading and spelling assessments generate specific targets. Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning. Secondary School Information evenings.	Online age-standardised reading and spelling assessments generate specific targets. Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning.

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Dec	Reports provided to parents/ carers detailing individual learning targets. Mock interview practice takes place. **11+ exams for Independent Schools (dates vary)** **Sports and academic scholarships for the independent schools.** Year 6 pupils continue to work 'little and often' over the Christmas holiday.	Reports provided to parents/ carers detailing individual learning targets. Secondary School Information evenings.	Reports provided to parents/ carers detailing individual learning targets. Secondary School Information evenings.	Reports provided to parents/ carers detailing individual learning targets.
Jan	**11+ exams for Independent Schools (dates vary)** School gives information to prospective schools. **Interviews at independent schools take place.** **Sports and academic scholarships for the independent schools.**	**Collective meeting with Year 4&5 parents to discuss support for 11+ at Elmhurst.** Meetings to discuss your plans for your son and his Secondary Education, based on school assessments, potential and attainment.	**Collective meeting with Year 4&5 parents to discuss support for 11+ at Elmhurst.**	
Feb	**Interviews at independent schools can still take place.** **Parents are notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)** School gives information to prospective schools. Speaking Skills in Oracy e.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning.	Past 11+ Papers are gradually introduced.		
Mar	**Parents could still be notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)** Speaking Skills in Oracy e.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning. School gives information to prospective schools.	Timed practice in 11+ is gradually introduced.		
April	Speaking Skills in Oracy e.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning. Introduction of LifeLab: Enterprise and business programme that links with economic wellbeing in PSHEE and improves collaboration, leadership and public speaking.	Support for applications for scholarships is given consideration by school.		

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May	Development of LifeLab projects.	Stricter tests in the style of 11+ are given as practice. Support for applications for scholarships is given consideration by school.		
Jun	Culmination of LifeLab in an enterprise fair; pupils make a profit by selling their goods. Year 6 Residential Visit to develop confidence, independence and collaboration. PSHEE focus on developing resilience and independence in readiness for transition to Y7.	Information given to parents on dates for 11+ exams from September following year. 11+ Mock Exam and short report to parents detailing exam technique.		
Jul	PSHEE focus on developing resilience and independence in readiness for transition to Y7.	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. Head Boys are voted for by Y4,6 and teachers.		
Summer Holiday	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 continue to work over holidays 'a little and often' so as to keep up their skill level for September. Summer holiday 11+ exam practice sessions open to Elmhurst boys.	Y5 preparation holiday homework given out via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.	Y4 preparation homework given out via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.