



ELMHURST

11+ Preparation 2025-26

At Elmhurst, we provide a rich and balanced curriculum so that our pupils develop the necessary skills, knowledge, character and confidence to excel both from an academic and pastoral perspective. Our comprehensive transition programme prepares Elmhurst pupils 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. We ensure a balance of academic enrichment and pastoral development with the children's wellbeing a primary consideration. We also carry out weekly 11+ boosters from the spring term of Year 5 over three terms until the exams.

We carry out standardised testing at regular intervals throughout the year to identify progress, attainment and for diagnostic purposes. Areas include reading, writing, maths and reasoning. Assessment data is analysed across school and is used to inform teaching targets. Assessment data is also provided formally to parents via Personal Learning Plans, reports and in consultations with parents. If a pupil is found to be underperforming, parents will be informed immediately and teachers will discuss specific target areas with parents.

	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
September	Information evening for parents to meet new form teacher.	Information evening for parents to meet new form teacher.	Information evening for parents to meet new form teacher.	Information evening for parents to meet new form teacher.
	Online age-standardised	Online age-standardised	Online age-standardised	Online age-standardised

	<p>Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. (Assessments continue throughout academic year.)</p> <p>11+ test practice in school</p> <p>Kent Grammar Entrance</p> <p>Sutton Grammar School Common Entrance Exams (SET) dates vary</p> <p>Y6 pupils are given a 'buddy' from the youngest children in the school to foster responsibility.</p> <p>Pupils are given the chance to become School Ambassadors..</p> <p>St Olave's Exam 1st Round (dates vary)</p>	<p>Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. (Assessments continue throughout academic year.)</p>	<p>Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. (Assessments continue throughout academic year.)</p>	<p>Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets. (Assessments continue throughout academic year.)</p>
October	<p>11+ test practice in school</p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings, including core subject</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Meetings, including core subject targets.</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Meetings, including core subject targets.</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Meetings, including core subject targets.</p>

	<p>targets.</p> <p>Meetings on request to discuss applications for secondary schools.</p>	<p>Year 5 Poetry Performance Evening to develop confidence in speaking and a better working knowledge of poetry for 11+.</p>		<p>Pupils access Atom Learning, an online platform to consolidate knowledge in Maths, English, Science and VR & Non-VR.</p>
November	<p>11+ test practice in school</p> <p>11+ exams for Independent Schools (dates vary)</p> <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning.</p> <p>St Olave's Exam 2nd Round (dates vary)</p> <p>Deadlines for Independent School applications (dates vary)</p> <p>Mock interviews at Elmhurst</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning.</p> <p>Secondary School Information evenings (refer to individual schools for details).</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning.</p> <p>Secondary School Information evenings (refer to individual schools for details).</p> <p>Year 4 Performance Assembly designed to improve confidence when under pressure.</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing carried out to identify pupils' attitudes to learning.</p>
December	<p>11+ test practice in school</p>	<p>Reports provided to</p>	<p>Reports provided to</p>	<p>Reports provided to</p>

	<p>Reports provided to parents/carers detailing individual learning targets.</p> <p>Mock interviews at Elmhurst.</p> <p>11+ exams for Independent Schools (dates vary)</p> <p>Scholarship assessments for the independent schools.</p> <p>Year 6 pupils continue to work 'little and often' over the Christmas holiday.</p>	<p>parents/carers detailing individual learning targets.</p> <p>Secondary School Information evenings (refer to individual schools for details).</p>	<p>parents/carers detailing individual learning targets.</p> <p>Secondary School Information evenings (refer to individual schools for details).</p>	<p>parents/carers detailing individual learning targets.</p>
January	<p>11+ test practice in school</p> <p>11+ exams for Independent Schools (dates vary)</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools.</p> <p>Interviews at independent schools take place.</p>	<p>Boosters Commence (weekly until 11+ exams)</p> <p>Meetings to discuss your plans for your son and his Secondary Education, based on school assessments, potential and attainment.</p>		

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February	<p>Interviews at independent schools can still take place.</p> <p>Parents are notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools. Speaking Skills developed e.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning.</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Past 11+ practice papers are introduced.</p>	Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.	Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.
March	<p>Parents could still be notified of school places (waiting lists may take longer)</p> <p>Speaking Skills developed e.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning.</p> <p>School gives information to prospective schools.</p>	<p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst</p> <p>Timed practice in 11+ is gradually introduced.</p>	<p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst</p> <p>Year 3&4 all take part in school musical to support growth in confidence.</p>	<p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst</p> <p>Year 3&4 all take part in school musical to support growth in confidence.</p>

<p>April</p>	<p>Speaking Skills developede.g. debating and presentations to develop confidence and independent learning.</p> <p>Introduction of LifeLab: Enterprise and business programme that links with economic wellbeing in PSHEE and improves collaboration, leadership and public speaking</p>	<p>Support for applications for scholarships is given consideration by school.</p>		
<p>May</p>	<p>Development of LifeLab projects.</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>		
<p>June</p>	<p>Culmination of LifeLab in an enterprise fair; pupils make a profit by selling their goods.</p> <p>Year 6 Residential Visit to develop confidence, independence and collaboration.</p> <p>PSHEE focus on developing resilience and</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>11+ Mock Exam and short report to parents detailing exam technique.</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p>	<p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p>

	independence in readiness for transition to Y7.			
July	<p>PSHEE focus on developing resilience and independence in readiness for transition to Y7.</p> <p>Leavers' Performance to share and celebrate personal growth in confidence.</p>	<p>Pupils start to take on more responsibility around school and develop leadership skills..</p> <p>Leadership roles for new Y6 pupils (for example House Captains).</p>		
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 provided as summer homework. Pupils continue to work over holidays 'a little and often' to maintain skill level for September.	Y5 prep set via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.	Y4 prep set via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.