



ELMHURST

11+ Preparation Timeline

At Elmhurst, we have developed a broad 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 and termly pupil mentoring prepare 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.

Assessment & Progress Monitoring

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 the school and is used to inform teaching targets. Assessment data is also provided formally to parents via Personal Learning Plans, reports and in consultations. If a pupil is found to be underperforming, parents will be informed immediately and teachers will discuss specific target areas with them. The 11+ journey begins in Reception class, however, please see some of the key events through Key Stage 2 calendar below.

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| September | Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets (continue throughout academic year). 11+ test practice in school. | Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets (continue throughout academic year). | Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets (continue throughout academic year). | Online age-standardised Maths, English and CAT4 assessments identify individual learning targets (continue throughout academic year). |

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| | <p>Kent & Sutton grammar schools; St Olave's 11+ exams.</p> <p>Year 6 pupils assigned a 'buddy' from the youngest children to foster responsibility.</p> <p>Opportunities to become School Ambassadors.</p> | | | |
| October | <p>11+ practice in school.</p> <p>Sutton grammars 11+ 2nd stage exam</p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings including core subject targets.</p> <p>Individual meetings on request to discuss secondary school applications.</p> | <p>Parent Teacher Meetings including core subject targets.</p> <p>Year 5 Poetry Performance Evening to develop speaking confidence and 11+ poetry familiarity.</p> | <p>Parent Teacher Meetings including core subject targets.</p> | <p>Parent Teacher Meetings including core subject targets.</p> <p>Access to Atom Learning online platform for consolidating Maths, English, Science, VR & Non-VR.</p> |
| November | <p>11+ test practice & mock interviews at Elmhurst.</p> <p>11+ exams for Independent Schools.</p> <p>Online age-standardised</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing (Attitudes to Learning).</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing (Attitudes to Learning).</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate targets and online PASS testing (Attitudes to Learning).</p> |

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| | <p>assessments generate targets.</p> <p>Online PASS testing (Attitudes to Learning).</p> <p>St Olave's 2nd Round.</p> <p>Deadlines for Independent School applications.</p> | <p>Secondary School Information evenings.</p> | <p>Secondary School Information evenings.</p> <p>Year 4 Performance Assembly to improve confidence under pressure.</p> | |
| December | <p>11+ test practice & mock interviews at Elmhurst.</p> <p>Reports provided detailing individual targets.</p> <p>Independent School 11+ exams & Scholarship assessments.</p> <p>Work 'little and often' over Christmas holiday.</p> | <p>Reports provided detailing individual learning targets and Secondary School Information evenings.</p> | <p>Reports provided detailing individual learning targets and Secondary School Information evenings.</p> | <p>Reports provided detailing individual learning targets.</p> |
| January | <p>11+ test practice in school.</p> <p>Independent School exams, prospective school data sharing, interviews & scholarship assessments.</p> | <p>Boosters Commence: Weekly targeted sessions running until the 11+ exams.</p> | — | — |

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| February | <p>Independent School interviews continue.</p> <p>Parents notified of school places (waiting lists vary).</p> <p>Information provided to prospective schools.</p> <p>Advanced speaking skills development (debating/presentations).</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> <p>Meetings to discuss plans for your child and their Secondary Education based on school data, potential, and attainment.</p> <p>Past 11+ practice papers introduced.</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> | <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate specific targets.</p> |
| March & April | <p>School allocation notifications continue.</p> <p>Speaking, debating, and presentation curriculum.</p> <p>Information provided to prospective schools.</p> | <p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst.</p> <p>Timed practice in 11+ is gradually introduced.</p> <p>Scholarship application support and consideration.</p> | <p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst.</p> <p>Participation in school musical to support growth in confidence.</p> | <p>Senior Schools Information Event at Elmhurst.</p> <p>Participation in school musical to support growth in confidence.</p> |
| May | <p>Introduction of Life Skills: Enterprise and business programme linked with economic wellbeing in PSHEE.</p> <p>Development of public speaking, leadership, and</p> | <p>Stricter tests in the style of 11+ are given as regular practice.</p> <p>Support for scholarship applications.</p> | — | — |

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| June | <p>Information evening for parents to meet the new form teacher.</p> <p>Life Skills culmination in Enterprise Fair (selling student goods).</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Residential Visit for independence and collaboration.</p> <p>PSHEE focus on resilience and transition readiness.</p> | <p>Information evening for parents to meet the new form teacher.</p> <p>Online age-standardised assessments generate targets.</p> <p>11+ Mock Exam and short report to parents detailing exam technique.</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Residential Visit.</p> | <p>Information evening for parents to meet the new form teacher and online age-standardised assessments generate targets.</p> | <p>Information evening for parents to meet the new form teacher and online age-standardised assessments generate targets.</p> |
| July | <p>PSHEE focus on readiness for Year 7.</p> <p>Leavers' Performance celebrating personal growth and confidence.</p> | <p>Pupils assume leadership roles and responsibilities around school (e.g., House Captains) in preparation for Year 6.</p> | — | — |
| Summer Holidays | <p>Rest easy, assured that your child has become a well-rounded individual, prepared with necessary skills to thrive at their secondary school of choice.</p> | <p>11+ practice material provided as summer homework. Work 'little and often' to maintain optimal skill levels for September.</p> | <p>Year 5 prep set via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.</p> | <p>Year 4 prep set via Google Classroom and Atom Learning.</p> |