

# the detail



ELTHAM COLLEGE  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Junior School

Eltham College is a vibrant, friendly community where everything is geared around the needs of the individual child. The essence of the education we provide is centred on academic excellence, a broad co-curriculum and exceptional pastoral care.

## Our philosophy, aims and practice

We are committed to academic excellence and place a strong emphasis on integrity, equality, compassion and helping others. By encouraging these values we empower our students to understand their place in the world and make the right choices as they grow and develop.

## Challenge

The curriculum is designed to be challenging. In Maths our students acquire mastery of key concepts, through modelled instruction and deliberate practice, giving them the knowledge and skills to solve the most difficult problems. All our students tackle modern foreign languages, including French and Mandarin, and in English, they explore both classic and contemporary texts. Across the curriculum teachers are always looking for ways to challenge and stretch the students.

## Expectations

Our students are set high standards, both in terms of the nature and pace of their work, and in their own individual performance. Higher expectations invite higher aspirations, and inspire our students to excel.

## Nurturing a love of learning

We want academic enquiry to be fun and stimulating, and to sow the seeds of a lifelong love of learning. We encourage students to become increasingly independent learners, emphasising the role of hard work, perseverance, adaptability and co-operation at the heart of this process.

## Leadership

The Junior School is led by the Head, Rachel Thompson (from September 2025) who reports to the Headmaster, Guy Sanderson. She is supported by the Junior School leadership team as well as highly qualified, engaged and committed teachers who are well equipped to deliver both the academic curriculum in the classroom and a wide range of activities outside of it.

# Joining

Step-by-step guide to joining Eltham College Junior School. 7+ entry is for students who have had their seventh birthday by 1 September of the year they wish to join the College.



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### Complete the online registration form

All prospective candidates must complete the relevant online registration form [www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7](http://www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7) include all the requested supporting documentation\*, and pay a non-refundable application fee of £234 (incl VAT). Once we have accepted your registration we will contact all prospective candidates with arrangements for the assessment day\*\*.

\* Supporting documentation required – a copy of your son/daughter's birth certificate, a copy of your son/daughter's passport, visa (if applicable), and a copy of your son/daughter's most recent educational psychologist's report (if applicable) or SEND school support plan.

\*\* Acceptance of registration does not constitute an offer of a place.

### Come to a taster event

Prior to the assessment days, we invite all students registered for Year 3 entry the following September to attend a taster event. This gives everyone an opportunity to get to know the Junior School, take part in a range of activities including art, music and games, and meet staff and students. Attendance at a taster event is voluntary, but is a great way for children to get a feel for life at the Junior School.

### Attend an assessment

At 7+ candidates are assessed in English, Maths and reading. You can find more information about 7+ entry requirements on our website at [www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7](http://www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7)

For 7+ assessments, we invite students in groups of around ten over a one week period. The assessment session normally lasts for two and a half hours.

The session is designed to test a child's numerical, language and reading skills to ensure they will cope well with the pace and level of the curriculum as well as the Junior School's busy co-curricular programme. When we're making our final decision, we will also take into account a child's behaviour during the assessment.

All children are assessed by members of the Junior School leadership team.

By meeting all the children in small groups, we are able to gain a fuller insight into each child's skills, confidence and needs. It is very important to remember that entry to the Junior School is both selective and competitive. Therefore, if there is a particularly large number of applicants, it is possible that your child may reach the required standard but, unfortunately, still not be offered a place.

Generally, children who are offered a place have: a strong reading ability, with a reading age well in excess of their chronological age; an adept use of language; and good spelling, writing and verbal reasoning. They will possess a good grasp of basic concepts appropriate to their age and schooling.

Some children are inevitably stronger in some areas than others, but we always take age differences (e.g. summer-born children) into consideration. If your child is attending an assessment here, we ask that you let the Headteacher of your child's current school know.

### We make our decision

Ms Thompson's decision is final. It will be one of the following:

- > Your child has done well enough to be offered a place.
- > Your child met the required standard but we do not have sufficient capacity to offer them a place at this time. They have been added to a very short waiting list.
- > Your child is below the standard required for entry to the Junior School. They are welcome to reapply at another entry point.

If successful at the assessment day, we will offer your child a place to study at Eltham College.

### When you accept a place for your child

When you accept a place, we ask you to pay a deposit and sign a contract which outlines the standard terms and conditions under which your child is accepted as a student at Eltham College. Our offer is also subject to satisfactory references from your child's current school.

The Junior School is the first part of the journey at Eltham College. Students from Year 6 transition seamlessly into the Senior School, without the need to take the entrance exam.

# Key dates

All prospective students are encouraged to come and visit us before registering to sit an entrance examination. Below are all the key dates for 2026 entry.

**2025**

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**13/09  
08/11**

Open Events

**17/11**

7+ Registration  
Deadline

**2026**

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**10/01**

7+ Taster Event

**12/01  
to  
16/01**

7+ Entrance Exams

**22/01**

7+ Offers Sent

**13/02**

7+ Acceptance  
Deadline

Find Eltham College  
term dates online at  
**[eltham-college.org.uk/term-dates](https://eltham-college.org.uk/term-dates)**





# Our curriculum

The Form Tutor takes most classes in core curriculum subjects, while specialist teachers will teach other subjects. The use of specialist teachers increases as children approach transfer at 11+.

The curriculum at Eltham College Junior School is broad, interesting and challenging. Our students learn quickly and effectively, developing not only their knowledge but also the necessary skills in putting that knowledge to use.

The curriculum is designed to stretch and challenge. Our increased focus on learning is designed to produce students who are equipped for secondary school and for the life of study and work beyond.

Our highly trained Form Tutors teach the core curriculum, but use their specialist strengths to teach other subjects throughout the school. We use specialist teachers and dedicated rooms for Art and Design, Science, Music, Drama and Languages which means our students always have the best resources for learning.

From September 2025, all pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have a personal issue Apple iPad Air 11 and Stylus provided under lease as part of our new Digital Strategy.

Our students also have access to Microsoft Surface tablets. From designing code in 'Scratch' to researching a History project, technology is a part of their everyday lives.

Our bespoke Music and Drama curriculum offers boundless opportunities for our students to embrace their creativity within the disciplines of these two essential performing arts. Students encounter a diverse range of musical and dramatic styles and techniques, meaning there really is something for everyone at Eltham College Junior School.

The Junior School curriculum comprises English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Religious Studies, French, Mandarin, Music, Drama, Art, Design Technology, Computing, Wellbeing, Physical Education, Swimming and Games.





# In a day

A typical day for a Year 3 student

At Eltham College we place great emphasis on respecting, trusting and caring for each other. Our students enjoy spending time in each other's company and thrive on the energy and enthusiasm that they generate together.

Students are happy, confident and open to new experiences. This zest for life and learning springs from an inner confidence generated by feeling valued and supported. We take great care to get to know each student as an individual, so we can encourage them, nurture their strengths and help them develop their own path. We make sure that students know we are beside them for every step of their journey through school.

In order for your child to feel safe, happy and supported at school, we have a comprehensive pastoral care programme that combines specialist oversight with personal attention. Form Tutors are central to our pastoral care. They know children and their families extremely well, and are practised at spotting potential issues early and finding the right solution.

This ensures that children feel safe and secure, and are able to make the most of all the academic and co-curricular opportunities that are open to them.

#### **Transition from the Junior to Senior School**

Throughout their time at Eltham College Junior School, we carefully monitor your child's progress, getting to know their skills and talents, the standard of their work, their attitude to study, their assessment results and their contribution to school life and the wider community.

As a result, we are able to give your child the support they need so they can learn well and be thoroughly prepared for the Senior School.

At the end of Year 6, students transfer smoothly into Eltham College Senior School without needing to take an entrance exam. Without the pressure of cramming for an exam, Year 6 is an exciting time for our students. Your child will take part in a transition programme of academic, sporting and cultural activities that will help them prepare for every aspect of Senior School life. This can include collaborating on Senior School projects, taking part in lessons in the Senior School and being taught by Senior School teachers.

After this, they're ready to embrace the next chapter of their learning journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

# Student support and transition



# Results

Junior School students transfer without further assessment to the Senior School, where each year students achieve outstanding results at GCSE and A Level.



GCSE  
Results  
2024

38%  
Grade 9

88%  
Grade 9/8/7

New GCSEs: 9/8/7 = A\*-A equivalent

A Level  
Results  
2024

68%  
A\*-A

91%  
A\*-B

94%

Geography  
9/8/7 (GCSE)

92%

Physics  
9/8/7 (GCSE)

83%

Spanish  
9/8/7 (GCSE)

100%

Art, Latin, German and  
Mandarin 9/8/7 (GCSE)

50+

Since 2016, more than 40 students  
have gone on to study at either  
Oxford or Cambridge after A Levels

## University Destinations

Leading Russell Group universities including Oxbridge, plus specialist arts colleges, music conservatoires and overseas universities.

## Top Degree Courses

Economics, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine and Natural Sciences.

Summer 2024



# Fees 2025/26

All fees and charges are payable by Direct Debit. Payment of tuition fees may be made either termly on the first day of each term, or by ten consecutive monthly instalments commencing on 1 August. Sundry charges are collected on a termly basis on the first day of each term.

## £2,500

Commitment payment is payable when you accept a place at Eltham College Junior School

## Term Fees

Fees are effective from September 2025 and are inclusive of VAT >>

## £8,219

Junior School fees per term comprising:

### £6,745

Core fees

### £1,349

20% VAT paid to Government

### £125

Books etc

## Extras

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### £7.28

Isle of Dogs

### £6.60

All other routes

Single fare for School Coach per day

### £2,416.96

Isle of Dogs

### £2,191.20

All other routes  
Return journey for School Coach per term

### £410

Lunch per term

### £25.90

Per lesson for a 30 minute individual music lesson

### £25.90

LAMDA Solo per lesson

### £19.60

LAMDA Duo per lesson

### £13.80

LAMDA Group per lesson

Find Eltham College fees online at [eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/fees](https://eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/fees)

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## Home to school routes

**Indicative Routes**

- 1 West Dulwich/Beckenham
- 2 Blackheath A, B & C
- 4 West Wickham/Bromley
- 5 Farnborough
- 6 Isle of Dogs
- 7 Orpington
- 8 Surrey Quays/Greenwich
- 9 North Greenwich

Rail connection



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