

# Wynstones

## A Steiner Waldorf School

### Curriculum Statement

Wynstones School curriculum is based on The Educational Tasks and Content of the Steiner Waldorf Curriculum edited by Martyn Rawson and Tobias Richter, published by the Steiner Schools Fellowship.

The curriculum offers a varied program for different age groups, as follows:

#### Early Years

Up to the age of seven, teaching works with the children's will, through activity, and through imitation. The day follows a regular rhythm of creative play, songs and counting games, little lunch, outdoor play and story time, an activity such as food preparation, bread making, painting or modeling, then ring-time including songs and counting games, morning snack, outdoor play and story time. There is a seasonal rhythm and festivals are celebrated through the year.

#### Lower School

Teachers work with and through the children's imagination and their feeling life. The structure of the day now changes, pupils are in classrooms with desks and Main Lessons are taught by the class teacher: these remain the lynchpin of the teaching for much of the pupils' time at Wynstones. Main Lessons have a regular rhythm, including verses, movement, recall, rhythmic work, new material and written work and maths, music, singing, reading, writing, craft skills, movement and art will all be developed and woven into the topic. Two languages are taught from Class I, and are purely oral for the first three years.

From Class VI work becomes more intellectual and academic, and woodwork and gardening is also taught. Team sports begin. The pupils now also share the Upper School timetable and the core subjects such as Maths and Science are often taught by Upper School specialists or advised by them if class teachers are able and qualified to teach these.

#### Upper School

From Age 14, Class IX: The classes are passed from the class teacher to class guardians, and lessons are taught by specialist subject teachers. Classroom work now has a far stronger intellectual emphasis, and in crafts more materials are used. Alongside the Waldorf curriculum comes the GCSE and A level preparation.

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