



# The St Michael Steiner School

Hanworth Park, Park Road, London TW13 6PN

## NEWSLETTER

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### MARCH

Tue 8 — (09.00-12.00) Open Day

Mon 14 — (10.00-12.00) Whole School  
Eurythmy Festival

Wed 16 — (19.00) Middle & High School Easter  
Festival

Fri 18 — (15.45) End of Spring Term

#### APRIL

Sat-Sun 9-10 — (09.00-17.30) Traditional  
Waldorf Doll Making Workshop

Mon 11 — (08.30) Start of Summer Term

Sat 16 — AGM - Annual General Meeting

Sat 23 — (11.00-14.00) Open Day

#### MAY

Mon 2 — Bank Holiday (no school)

Tue 3 — (09.00-12.00) Open Day

Thu 19 — (15.45) School Ends for Half-Term

Fri 20 — INSET DAY (no school)

Mon 30 — Bank Holiday (no school)

Tue 31 — (08.30) Back to School

### UNIVERSITY OFFERS FOR CLASS 12 STUDENTS

Two students in Class 12 submitted their university applications through UCAS in January.

We are very pleased to announce that both of them have received offers from their first choice universities, India to study Art History at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, and Angelica to study Computer Science at Royal Holloway, University of London.

The offers are conditional on their achieving the required grades on their Level 3 certificates, but the achievement of University Entrance levels in Maths and English, which is an integral part of the certificate, was accepted without question.

This confirms that there is no requirement for our students to take GCSEs in these subjects - that the SSC at level 3 with university entrance levels is all they need.

Other students in the class have decided not to apply this year, but some will do so next year.

— Amanda Bell

## AMADEUS – CLASS 12 PLAY



Thank you to everyone who came to Steiner House to see Class 12's production of **Amadeus**. As the first Class 12 play at our school we certainly felt the weight of its significance, and are immensely proud of what we produced. We have received some truly wonderful feedback from parents at the school and from staff at Steiner House. We would like especially to thank those members of Class 10 who joined us to take on supporting roles, and also the members of staff who were so invaluable behind the scenes.

And I would personally like to offer my warmest congratulations and deepest respect to Class 12 who continued to astonish and delight me until the very last moments of the final performance, and beyond.

With lines still running through our heads we are slowly getting back into the rhythm of normal school life, but for Class 12 there is still so much to do before the year is over!

As we're sure you know, putting on a production of this magnitude is not cheap! and it is our hope that proceeds from the play will go in part to supporting Class 12's trip to Trieste, graduation ceremony, Class 12 conference, & the remainder of their work with us. But there are still theatrical expenses to consider.

With this in mind, **we would welcome any donations to Class 12**. Big or small! Also: if you attended the play but didn't manage to pick one up on the night, or if you were unable to attend and would like a little piece of the production, **you can buy programmes from reception for £2, while stocks last**.

Thank you again, and here's to many more wonderful productions at the school!

— Stella Ottewill



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# Easter Festival

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
at the school

An evening festival of  
music, poetry, readings  
and recitation for  
Middle & High School  
students, staff, parents  
and friends.

Please note that this festival is  
for Classes 6 - 12; younger children  
will not be admitted.

### A quick note about the Easter Festival...

As you may be aware, this year we are holding an Easter Festival specifically for the Middle & High School (Class 6 and up) — poster above. Children below Class 6 age will not be admitted, but parents, staff, and friends are warmly invited to join us.

The aim of this festival is to give the older pupils the opportunity to participate in and attend a festival tailored for their age group. Other festivals at the school provide such a wonderful space for community and family, and this festival will be carefully curated to serve the Middle & High School and to celebrate Easter.

We hope you are able to join us.

— Stella Ottewill

### FEES & BURSARIES 2016-17

As announced via email, the fees for the Academic Year 2016-17 are as follows:

Class 1: £8100  
Class 2: £8300  
Class 3: £8500  
Class 4: £8800  
Class 5: £9000  
Class 6: £9100  
Class 7: £9150  
Class 8: £9200  
Class 9: £9300  
Class 10: £9400  
Class 11: £11000  
Class 12: £11300

College has decided to keep kindergarten fees the same for the academic year 2016/17 to support families coming into the school. Also we have recently been told that the London Borough of Hounslow will from April 2016 reduce their the funding rates to Early Years Providers by 1.5% for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.

Fees for Lower and Upper School will rise by ~ 3%.

The Bursary Fund application process is now open for those who may need support with fees. A pdf form is attached which you can print off and/or paper copies are available from reception. If you are applying forms need to be completed and returned to reception by **Monday 7th March 2016 @ 3.30pm.**

- Sarah Houghton (bursar)

### EURYTHMY PERFORMANCES AT STEINER HOUSE — CLARIFICATION

Some parents have expressed confusion about the two Eurythmy performances written about in the last newsletter, so allow me to clarify:

At Steiner House, on Friday 11th March, from 3pm-6.30pm, there is a Festival of Eurythmy, organised by Michèle Hunter. This initiative is not a school event, however some of our pupils (Classes 6—12) are taking their work to perform at this festival. This event is not compulsory for the school, but you are warmly invited to attend.

**At Steiner House, on Monday 14th March, from 10am-12noon, we have our whole school End of Term Eurythmy Festival. This festival is by and for the school, and is compulsory for all pupils. In this case, please bear in mind that pupils will need go straight to Steiner House, not to school, and will not be returning to school after the performance.**

We hope this is clearer, and we look forward to seeing you at Steiner House soon.

— Teachers



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## Parent & Child Groups Spring Term 2016

At present all morning groups will be outside in our Woodland Garden. Wednesday and Thursday afternoon groups will be in our Woodland Garden and the Kindergarten room in the main building.

**For all groups please email/phone reception to book a place on the morning of your chosen session**

### Wednesday

1-3pm – “First Steps” and “Baby Group”

### Thursday

10am-12noon – Woodland Garden Session (birth to 3-4 years)

1.30-3.30pm – Woodland Garden & Main House Kindergarten (birth – 7 years)

### Friday

10am-12noon – Woodland Garden Session (birth to 3-4 year olds)

*We are starting a waiting list for a dedicated baby group on Friday afternoons, 1-2.15pm. (A crèche will be held in the Kindergarten for older siblings up to 7 years of age.)*

### Saturday

Half Termly

11am-1pm – Woodland Garden and Main House Kindergarten

*These sessions will take place at our weekend Open Days. (Please see our Open Day page for dates.)*

### Cost

All sessions are £6 per family

Concessions are available – speak to Leigha to request

Your first visit to our groups is free.

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# “The Five Golden Keys”

Early Years Parents Evening  
with Helle Heckmann

Wednesday 9th March 2016  
from 7 pm to 9pm

For all Kindergarten and Parent & Child group parents



Helle is the founder of Nokken, a Children's Garden in Denmark. She now travels worldwide, giving lectures, running workshops and supporting initiatives whose goal is the protection of early childhood.

The Five Gold Keys offer a unique pathway for childrearing, describing in simple and practical terms the needs of small children and how we as adults can meet these needs in the best possible way, based on over thirty years of educational and consulting experience.

*“For so many years now Helle's work with the children and families has been an inspiration to me as a mother and as a Waldorf early childhood teacher. I see her as a gardener sowing seeds of goodness, truth and beauty in the Garden of Childhood. These seeds have come to fruition in so many, whose lives have been touched by Helle's guidance all over the world. May these seeds continue to flower in abundance as we strive to protect and to nurture these pivotal early years in the lives of our children. Thank you!”*

*- Christine Culbert*

All parents in the Kindergarten and Parent & Child groups  
are warmly invited. Donations at the door.



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# Traditional Waldorf Doll Making Workshop

Spend two full and very busy days working on your very own Waldorf Doll. You have a choice of skin, hair and eye colour and on the day of the workshop you will be given information for a simple outfit and the understanding on how to sew your own doll. Parts of the dolls will be pre-sewn so early registration is essential by March 11, 2016.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**9:00am-5:30pm**  
**£115 all materials included**

50% non-refundable deposit due on registration. Space is limited; please book ahead to avoid disappointment. Beginners are welcome.

Please contact the St Michael Steiner School to reserve a space  
Tel: 020 8893 1299  
Email: [info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk)

All profits of this course are to be donated to the bursary fund

Rachel has taught doll making workshops throughout the world at handcrafting conferences, Steiner schools and in warm lovely living rooms. She has sold hundreds of dolls and handcrafts in schools throughout the UK. When she isn't making dolls Rachel is spinning or dying wool, felting or gardening with her two young children and husband. Rachel is part of the early years team of the St Michael Steiner School

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If you have something you would like to contribute to the Newsletter - maybe you would like to write something about a school event, or maybe you have been to an interesting talk outside the school, or perhaps you have a selection of photos! - send your contributions to [admin@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk) The deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday 19th April.

# COMMUNITY PAGES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL DOES NOT ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND, EITHER IN GENERAL OR IN PARTICULAR, ANYTHING OFFERED IN THE COMMUNITY PAGES AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PRACTITIONERS OR PEOPLE OFFERING SERVICES HERE.

## Holidays in South of France

“We are parents of a pupil of the Steiner School in Avignon (South of France) and want to give to rent our house during July and August 2016 holidays.

It is equipped with all comforts, a swimming pool (9X4,5m), ping-pong table, trampoline...

For 5 or 6 persons, it is an ideal spot (near Chateauneuf du Pape) to discover Provence. Rent price 810€ a week. <http://maisonprovence84.canalblog.com>

For information 00.33.490.51.97.17 / 00.33.668.40.50.01 - [duchateau.bruno@wanadoo.fr](mailto:duchateau.bruno@wanadoo.fr).

We speak English, Italian and French.



## Childminders

If you are a registered childminder or would like to do the free local authority training to become one; if you work or would like to work in a Waldorf inspired way, please contact Leigha or Katie. There are parents in the Parent and Child groups who need to return to work outside the home in Spring time. There are also parents in Kindergarten and older classes interested in part time/after school care.

We would be delighted to support you with half termly workshops/mentoring to help create a network of much needed childminders in our Community.

Thank you