

Practical Information

The conference will run from 9am on Monday 15th July to 2pm on Thursday 18th July. It is open to practising and student teachers.

Cost

The cost for the whole conference, including meals, is £40 per person, if booked before July 1st. Please contact us if the conference fee or cost of travel are the only things holding you back; we may be able to help.

Accommodation

We can provide you with a list of nearby hotels. Camping is allowed on site and there are indoor classroom floors available also.

Travel

The school is conveniently situated just off the M3, 10 minutes from junction 12 of the M25 and 2 miles south of Heathrow Airport. Driving times from Forest Row, Greenwich and Reading: 1 hour, from Gloucester and Stroud: 2 hours, From Cardiff: 2 1/2 hours, From South Devon: 3 hours. There is free parking on-site and nearby. There are also direct, fast trains from Waterloo, Clapham Junction and Reading to Feltham every 30 minutes.

Booking

Please email conference@stmichaelsteiner.com to register your interest and we will send you the booking form, which can be returned by email.

We would like to thank the **London Waldorf Trust** for sponsoring this event, allowing us to significantly reduce the cost for participants this year.

The St Michael Steiner School

Summer Preparation Conference for Waldorf Teachers

2024

15-18 July

A Collaborative Conference

As Waldorf teachers, we know that the children and students in our care provide us with the path forward. We evolve our teaching methods and curricula out of their (often unspoken) needs and questions. It lies in *our* heads, hands and hearts, individually and together, to creatively serve the communities around us with the gifts that this education has to offer.



In the UK, we are a small movement in an uncertain and fast-changing national and international landscape and we feel, as organisers of this conference, that it is important that the practitioners of this education come together to meet in person to celebrate and learn from one another. So whether you are in training, new to the classroom or have decades of experience, we invite you to this festival of collaborative development in July.

Our aim is that you receive what you need to return to the classroom in September re-enlivened, enthused and prepared for the term ahead.

For class teachers, the conference will be a collaborative process. Workshops will be delivered and facilitated by experienced colleagues from across the movement, but the timetable will be arranged so that you can contribute to the discussion on the year you've just taught and receive new content from colleagues who've just finished the year you'll be starting in September.

Those who teach across the different classes will have dedicated, subject-specific sessions. New teachers and students can devise their own programme from the sessions offered.

We also keenly invite high school teachers to this conference. Sessions will be run in the sciences and humanities which aim to deepen your relationship to your subject, in a Waldorf context.

We look forward to seeing you.



Programme

A programme will be drawn up which takes the needs, wishes and offers of participants into account, so please book early if you want yours to be included. It will be sent to all participants shortly before the conference.

Each morning there will be a presentation on a particular theme for all participants. These will be announced with the final programme. The rest of each day will be taken up with workshops on specific classes, subjects, themes and activities, depending on relevance and interest. There will also be eurythmy, bothmer gym, singing, games, drawing, copper bowl making and other activities.

