SUMMER PROGRAMME 2016

20th June — 27th August
Alpha Primary English Programmes offer a range of courses to develop good reading comprehension and writing skills, combining technical skills with critical, creative thinking in order to express experience and share our understanding of the world. These courses enable students to go on to become confident readers and writers at advanced primary levels of study.

Alpha Additional Primary Programmes provide an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and knowhow beyond the classroom and to generate, stimulate and satisfy genuine curiosity in young learners. There are two humanities courses, a cerebral development course, as well as a number of computer programming, robotics and science courses.

Alpha Secondary Programmes provide for a confident start to secondary school and development of the knowledge and skills required to move on to higher levels of study. As well as a selection of English reading and writing programmes, there are a number of humanities, critical thinking, and debating programmes that offer excellent opportunities to develop a natural capacity for deeper analysis and better articulation of ideas.

Alpha 11+/13+ Common Entrance Courses prepare candidates and equip them with a confident approach to the examinations. Entrance to UK schools remains competitive where excellent results in the Common Entrance Examination are essential to achieving the high level of expectations of competitive UK schools.

Alpha IGCSE Programmes provide opportunities for students to hone in knowledge and skills in readiness for their final year of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examinations.

Before the summer starts, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students on their many successes this past academic year. It is enormously gratifying for Alpha Academy staff to see students’ hard work and determined efforts successfully translate into personal growth and self-fulfilment, as well as improved academic results. We wish you all continued success in your future studies.

David Costelloe
Director of Studies

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read the following information before you enrol on courses

Terms & Conditions
Summer Courses start Monday 20th June 2016 and end Saturday 27th August 2016. Deadline for enrolment is 11th June 2016. Places on courses are limited and allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Parents wishing to arrange a private group of four or more children to study a course together should contact us early to secure enrolment. Age limits given are not absolute, as children studying regularly with us will be accorded a group approximating their ability. We are happy to advise if you think your child would benefit from another age group.

Course confirmation & cancellation
Courses will commence upon the enrolment of at least three students. Refunds will only be issued if a programme does not commence. Parents can assume a course will commence unless otherwise informed. Refunds will not be issued if a student cancels once payment has been received.

Enforced cancellations
Sessions will be cancelled if there is a Black Rainstorm Warning or a Typhoon Signal Number 8 hoisted prior to the start of the course. We apologize in advance for being unable to reschedule sessions or offer refunds in such circumstances.

Enrolment
Please complete the enrolment form and send it or hand it in to us along with payment by cash or cheque. All cheques should be made payable to Alpha Academy Limited. Receipts will be issued upon receiving payment. Enrolment can only be confirmed once payment has been received along with the enrolment form. We reserve the right to allocate available places to awaiting students if the enrolment form has been received without payment.

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**Primary English Programmes**

Writing is an art and a science which combines technical skills with critical, creative thinking in order to express experience and share our understanding of the world. The process of developing technical skills and stimulating critical, creative thinking is best started at an early age. This enables students to go on to become confident writers at advanced levels of study.

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This series of courses have been designed to enable students to experience a step-by-step progression from Early Primary Writer’s Club through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to the Advance Early Primary Writer’s Club.

**Early Primary Writer’s Club**
Course Code: WC01  
Age: 6-7  
Fee: $4200  
The Early Primary Writer’s Club aims to stimulate a positive attitude towards creative writing by teaching children what it means to be a writer at their age, to establish and develop good writing habits, and to promote creative writing as an enjoyable activity which allows young children to utilise their natural creativity.

**Early Primary Writer’s Bronze Award**
Course Code: WC02  
Age: 6-7  
Fee: $4200  
On this course, children will learn to write meaningfully about their lives by learning how to document their thoughts and feelings in diary form. Students will be given instruction and practice in descriptive and sequential writing using a creative and imaginative style. They will be given constructive feedback to develop good personal writing habits.

**Early Primary Writer’s Silver Award**
Course Code: WC03  
Age: 6-7  
Fee: $4200  
With a foundation in creative and personal writing, this course will enable children to explore writing for a variety of purposes including: descriptive, explanatory, instructive, persuasive and advisory, through guided practice and critical feedback. Our main aim will be to help them become more confident and adept communicators through good writing practices.

**Early Primary Writer’s Gold Award**
Course Code: WC04  
Age: 6-8  
Fee: $4200  
For students who have a solid foundation in their writing skills, this course provides an opportunity to further their abilities through learning how to express ideas and opinions in a more natural style. They will be guided to support their opinions with personal reasoning as they address a number of topical issues and encouraged to think creatively and critically.

**Advanced Early Primary Writer’s Club**
Course Code: WC05  
Age: 6-8  
Fee: $4200  
This course assumes that children have overcome their early uncertainties about how to write creatively, and now wish to develop and show off their writing skills. It aims to stimulate good writing practices and advance them to the highest level of achievement through solid practice, positive encouragement, and critical feedback about their work.

**Progressive Writing – Middle Primary**
Course Code: PW00  
Age: 6-8+  
Fee: $4200  
Advanced primary students will refine their skills by engaging in a number of writing activities: creating advertisements, giving directions, crafting speeches, explaining & instructing new sports and more to build good technical skills and apply them in a more sophisticated manner. Critical feedback and positive encouragement will help young students achieve their best writing potential.

**Progressive Writing – Upper Primary**
Course Code: PW01  
Age: 6+  
Fee: $4200  
Upper primary students will learn and practice different forms of writing: planning & organisation, using adjectives to persuade, creating different aspects of a story, formal & informal letters & improving content. Emphasis is placed on writing practice and constructive feedback to encourage better writing habits and improve confidence.

**Young Reader’s Comprehension Series**
Age: Primary 1 to 6  
Fee: $4200  
These reading comprehension courses aim to provide a strong foundation in technical reading comprehension skills for young learners with a focus on reading for meaning, vocabulary building, and answering formal questions in order to develop a deeper understanding of texts. Each course combines discussions about the reading material where children will be encouraged to voice their understanding of important elements in the texts. There will also be opportunities to complete short extension writing tasks in keeping with the style and structure of the material. While we have provided for Year-related group studies i.e. Primary 1 and so on, we are happy to take advice about children whose reading competency is at an advanced level and who might benefit from a higher level group. For students currently studying at Alpha Academy, we can offer advice about their level of reading competency.
Additional Primary Programmes

Our additional primary programmes provide an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and knowhow beyond the classroom and to generate, stimulate and satisfy genuine curiosity in young learners.

HUMANITIES COURSES

The World Beyond Boundaries
Course Code: WBB01
Age: 9-10 Fee: $3600
This programme is dedicated to unlocking the potential that young people have to critically interact with important issues beyond the scope of formal lessons in a classroom. The course aims to encourage a more active, participatory role for young learners through readings and discussion of key issues common to people around the world. It is dedicated to developing leadership capabilities, social responsibility, and a more outward looking attitude beyond the boundaries dictated by tests and examinations.

International Affairs
Course Code: IA01
Age: 10-11 Fee: $3600
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CEREBRAL DEVELOPMENT

Cerebral Development
Course Code: CD01
Age: 7-9 Fee: $3600
This programme has been designed to develop ability and confidence when structuring thoughts and expressing opinions in relation to important issues. Contemporary topics will be introduced to identify problems, causes, effects, and solutions. Participants will be encouraged to express opinions and participate in discussion and problem solving. This form of cognitive development will be a benefit in all aspects of academic learning. It also provides a foundation of task based ability in early preparation for formal UK school entrance examinations.

ROBOTICS & COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Robotics
Course Codes: RB01, RB02
Age: 9-12 Fee: $3600
(Plus $800 for the robot)
Level 1 This introductory course takes students into the world of robotics to explore the functionalities of different electronic components and to learn the fundamentals of computer programming. No prior experience is required.
Level 2 This course is suitable for students who have completed Level 1 or our robotics courses over Christmas and Easter and would like to do more with their robots. Students will be given more challenging tasks to develop their problem solving skills and expand their computer programming knowledge.

Junior Scientist
Course Code: ES01
Age: 10-12 Fee: $3600
This practical, hands-on science course encourages scientific inquiry and investigative techniques. Students help an Alien visitor to Earth investigate and understand our world through scientific experiments.

Junior Inventor
Course Code: JI01
Age: 8-9 Fee: $3600
Course Code: JI02
Age: 10-11 Fee: $3600
This course uses the imagination of young inventors and guides them through applying practical ideas to building their machines. They will be using electronic components to mechanise their creations.

Junior Inventor (8-9 years)
Course Code: JI01
Age: 8-9 Fee: $3600

Junior Inventor (10-11 years)
Course Code: JI02
Age: 10-11 Fee: $3600

Robotics Level 1
Course Code: RB01
Age: 9-10 Fee: $3600

Robotics Level 2
Course Code: RB02
Age: 9-10 Fee: $3600
(Plus $800 for the robot)

Computer Programming for Beginners
Course Code: CP01
Age: 8-13 Fee: $3600
This is an introductory course for students who are curious about the world behind a computer game. Students will learn to handle events, modify variables and do simple animations on their way to creating their first computer game. No prior experience is required.

App Inventor for Beginners
Course Code: APP01
Age: 11-13 Fee: $3600
This course provides an opportunity for students to learn about the MIT App Inventor 2 environment and create their first apps that can be used on any Android device. No prior experience is required. Android devices are not required for the course.

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4-8 Jul

Week 4
11-15 Jul

Week 5
18-22 Jul

Week 6
25-29 Jul

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1-5 Aug

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15-19 Aug

Week 10
22-26 Aug

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Secondary Programmes

Secondary Programmes provide a confident start to secondary school and development of the knowledge and skills required to move on to higher levels of study.

**Progressive Writing – Early Secondary**
Course Code: PW02
Age: 12+
Fee: $4200
This is an academic programme to broaden and advance good writing skills for early secondary students. Comparative examples will be presented to highlight the importance and understanding of the relationship between the purpose, structure, and style of a piece of writing. Guidance and practice will be given to develop good writing habits when writing for a variety of purposes.

**Academic Writing**
Course Code: AW02
Age: Y9/F3
Fee: $4200
The aim of this course is to provide for the transition of students who have completed Year 9/Form 3 studies and wish to consolidate, advance and prepare for the increased level of expectation of their writing in the coming year. The course provides for a study of good academic writing practices for advancing students with emphasis placed on the highest expectation of purposeful writing required.

**Current World Affairs**
Course Code: WA02
Age: 11-13
Fee: $4200
This liberal studies programme offers a forum for students to learn about important problems facing the modern world including:
- Conflict & cooperation - are wars inevitable?
- Why kill & die for one’s beliefs?
- Understanding globalisation, inequalities & injustice.
- It’s all about where you’re born: fortune, fate, shopping malls & slums.
- Democracy & dictatorship: are dictators always cruel, and do people always choose wisely?
- Temperatures rising: floods, droughts, & widening deserts. What can we do?
Emphasis is placed on identifying problems, causes, effects, and finding realistic solutions with an optimistic eye on the future.

**Reading Comprehension Series**

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**Public Speaking & Debating**
Course Code: PSD02
Age: 12+
Fee: $4200
This programme has been written & designed to help develop and build confidence, reasoning skills, teamwork, and public speaking ability. The emphasis is on interactivity and engagement providing students with real applicable skills to use in their daily lives.
An introduction to public speaking and debating is given for students to learn how to construct and destroy arguments as well as how to speak well and the rules of debating itself. This all takes place in our specially designed debating room complete with podium for the genuine experience. We aim to provide encouraging and engaging space for students to develop their own ideas and to grow in confidence in their use of English.

**Critical Thinking & Argumentation**
Course Code: CTA02
Age: 12+
Fee: $4200
This programme develops students’ ability to analyse critically and argue rationally. It will build the confidence needed to express ideas and opinions clearly and convincingly for a range of purposes. Guided through a number of formal speaking and writing tasks related to topical issues shaping the world today, students will discuss, analyse and critically examine the way in which various styles of argumentation work.

**Curious Young Economist**
Course Code: CYE02
Age: 12+
Fee: $4200
This programme introduces students to the fundamental economic concepts that they can observe happening all around them including: demand and supply, incentives and opportunity costs, money and banking, and saving and investment. These topics are explored through discussion and practical activities enabling students to understand their true application, stimulate genuine interest in economics, and build an excellent foundation of knowledge in economics.

**Humanities Programmes**

**ENGLISH READING & WRITING**

**Reading Comprehension Series**

**Course Code: RC02**
**Age: 11-13**
**Fee: $4200**
This course engages students through analysis of short stories with an emphasis on collective readings and discussions of literary features, structures, and styles of writing in order to stimulate a genuine interest. The short stories have been specifically chosen for their uniqueness in representing particular genres. Short writing tasks will be given to consolidate daily studies.
The programme is divided into a series of six individual courses run over a period of six weeks, enabling students to attend one course or more. Each week will be dedicated to studying a specific short story genre:
- Week 1: Honor
- Week 2: Other Cultures
- Week 3: Science Fiction
- Week 4: Comedy
- Week 5: Myths and Legends
- Week 6: Peace and War

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**11+ English**

Course Code: CEE01  
Age: 10+  
Fee: $4500  
This course teaches the fundamentals of good comprehension and composition skills expected in the 11+ Common Entrance Examinations through selected examination style material to hone in essential knowledge and skills.

**11+ Mathematics**

Course Code: CEM01  
Age: 10+  
Fee: $4500  
This course teaches the breadth of the 11+ syllabus, with specific focus placed on examination practice. Students are expected to be familiar with fundamental concepts, and will learn how to use their skills to solve challenging questions.

**11+ Reasoning**

Course Code: RE01  
Age: 10+  
Fee: $4500  
Many top UK independent schools assess suitability of candidates by testing their reasoning skills. This course teaches students techniques in tackling verbal, non-verbal and numerical reasoning questions.

**UKiset/ISEB Pre-test Preparation**

Course Code: RE03  
Age: 9+  
Fee: $4500  
The course comprises of a development and practice of Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning, English, and Mathematics skills through clear instruction on how best to tackle questions. The skills covered provide a foundation for the more advanced testing that top UK boarding schools require.

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**13+ English - Understanding Prose**

Course Code: PT02  
Age: 12+  
Fee: $4500  
This programme provides comprehensive guidance on how to fully analyse and relate to literary prose to develop a proficient and confident capacity to respond to writing tasks through discussion and analysis of a variety of classical and contemporary texts.

**13+ English - Understanding Poetry**

Course Code: LS02  
Age: 12+  
Fee: $4500  
This programme provides comprehensive guidance on how to fully analyse and relate to literary prose to develop a proficient and confident capacity to respond to writing tasks through discussion and analysis of a variety of classical and contemporary texts.

We provide for Mock Interview in preparation for formal school visits. We also provide Acclimatisation Sessions for students who are required to attend Whole Day Assessments and Overnight Stays.
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13+/Year 9 Humanities
Course Codes: History CEH01, Geography CEG01, Religious Studies CER01
Age: 12+ Fee: $4500
These three summer courses will be of great benefit to those preparing for the UK/Common Entrance Exams in early 2017, and those entering Year 9 UK schools this Autumn Term. The courses provide a substantial foundation of knowledge and skills in the Humanities: History, Geography & Religious Studies for future application. They will enable students to confidently approach their Year 9 studies when starting their humanities in the Autumn Term.

Alternatively, for those intending to sit the entrance examinations for schools like Wycombe Abbey and Winchester College, the courses will provide an opportunity during the quieter summer months to acquire some of the foundation knowledge and skills necessary to perform well in the entrance exams. This foundation can be more securely and leisurely built upon over the autumn term while better managing other academic commitments.

13+ Mathematics
Course Code: CEM02
Age: 12+ Fee: $4500
This rigorous programme prepares students up to expectations of Level 3 in the Common Entrance syllabus. It will teach students topics in the extended specification as well as develop better command of the core syllabus through guided practice and instructions.

Aside from acquiring the necessary skills, students will learn to work with increasing confidence on challenging questions by developing better versatility across the topic areas.

13+ Verbal/Non-verbal Reasoning
Course Code: RE02
Age: 12+ Fee: $4500
This programme has been designed for children interviewing for entry into UK schools later this year and early next year when they will sit the verbal and/or non-verbal reasoning tests to assess their critical thinking ability.

The programme takes children through the 35 techniques associated with verbal reasoning and the 42 techniques in non-verbal reasoning that they will need to apply in order to be fully prepared for the exam. The programme relies on children sitting additional independent practice tests at home in order to apply what they have been taught during each session.

13+ Science
Course Codes: Biology CEB01, Chemistry CEC01, Physics CEP01
Age: 12+ Fee: $4500
These courses teach fundamental knowledge required at 13+ Common Entrance Examination level. Core topics have been selected, and scientific ideas and models will be used to explain theories with an emphasis on developing scientific vocabulary, applying understanding, and evaluating evidence. The courses are suited to candidates who will sit their 13+ Common Entrance Examination at the end of this year and/or the beginning of next year, and have not yet had the opportunity to start those studies and wish to use these summer months for intensive, accelerated learning.

While a significant part of the syllabus will be covered to ‘catch-up’ with their studies, students will necessarily need to continue their preparation throughout the autumn term to be fully prepared for exams in early 2017.

11+, 12+, 13+ and 14+ candidates for UK Schools are required to sit a number of examinations and an interview. The requirements and examinations depend on each school. Selective schools additionally require candidates to sit for pre-selection tests in order to assess a student’s suitability to acclimatise to the schools upon entering.

Alpha Academy is expert in providing for the preparation process with knowledge on entry procedure, school expectation, examination, interview and preselection process. Parents are advised to seek early advice from Alpha Academy staff about the preparation process. Preparing students for top schools is a committed journey starting with formal subject assessments to establish needs.
IGCSE Programmes

The following programmes provide opportunities for students to hone in their knowledge and skills in readiness for their final year of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examinations.

**IGCSE English Language Exam Preparation**
Course Code: EL03  
Age: Y10-Y11  
Fee: $4900  
The objective of this programme is to provide specific guidance on examination techniques for coping well with the IGCSE English Language Examination. The course provides an opportunity to study material from past papers and learn how to respond well to questions relating to the author’s use of language. Students will be shown how to write summaries, analyse texts, and summarising. More than one of these styles will be required in the examination.

**IGCSE Unseen English Literature Exam Preparation**
Course Code: EL04  
Age: Y10-Y11  
Fee: $4900  
Students taking the I/GCSE English Literature examination are well prepared by school for the set texts in Drama, Poetry and Prose, which provides the essential focus for schools throughout their Year 11 studies. Often neglected is the Unseen Literature examination which is worth a crucial percentage of the overall grade. Students will learn how to thoroughly analyse texts and make astute and meaningful commentaries on the content, theme, structure, literary devices, poetic devices and language, as well as character, voice and the author’s intentions. The skills learnt in this course will also be of good use to those studying poetry and prose for Seen Literature Exams at IGCSE level.

**IGCSE Mathematics**
Course Code: MA01  
Age: Y10-Y11  
Fee: $8500  
This course aims to build confidence for the IGCSE exam next summer through detailed instruction and rigorous guided practice. Students will acquire the requisite techniques and put into practice skills they have learnt to respond to questions and become familiar with both the format and the level of expectation of examiners. They will be shown how to master skills in breaking down a problem, and deduce solutions through mathematical reasoning. Provisions are made in this two week course to practice a significant part of the syllabus. Each course consists of 20 hours taught over a two week period. Students do not have to attend two consecutive weeks, but can enrol on any of the following weeks the course is running.

**IGCSE Science**
Course Codes: Biology SB02, Chemistry SC02, Physics SP02  
Age: Y10-Y11  
Fee: $8500  
These courses provide for a summer bridging between Years 10 & 11 with academic rigor in a small group environment. They offer the opportunity for students to reinforce and expand on subject topics that have been taught along with advancement studies by way of detailed overviews of the material to be taught in the year ahead. Instructors will ensure students have the necessary theoretical knowledge to achieve and excel, prior to the final year of IGCSE.

Students will be guided on how to apply their knowledge, think critically, and solve problems relating to unfamiliar scenarios. There will be extensive examination practice where students will be taught how to correctly interpret questions and data, and to give the well-reasoned and concise explanations examiners look for when awarding top marks. Each course consists of 20 hours taught over a two week period. Students do not have to attend two consecutive weeks, but can enrol on any of the following weeks the course is running.

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ONE-TO-ONE SESSIONS OVER THE SUMMER

We will continue to provide individual studies over the summer holidays. Please note that while our Summer Programme starts on Monday 20th June 2016, our current one-to-one sessions will continue throughout the summer unless we are notified by parents about any desired schedule changes.

Our Summer Programme ends on Saturday 27th August 2016, with our Autumn Term commencing on Monday 29th August 2016. Please let us know well in advance of any changes you would like to make to your regular term schedule before this date and we will do our best to accommodate.

Summer breaks for regular students who wish to return to their regular schedules

Please issue one month’s written notice if you wish to take a summer break and return to your regular schedule. Students can take a break of up to six consecutive weeks over our summer programme period while guaranteeing a return to their regular weekly day and time.

Those wishing to take a break for longer than six weeks need to contact us in writing two weeks before they are ready to resume their studies in order to arrange a new scheduled time and day. Note that we cannot guarantee that the student’s former teacher or day and time will be available as this may have been allocated to a student on our Wait List throughout the summer period.

Please do contact our administration for further clarification about any of the above.
# Summer Programme 2016 Enrolment Form

## How to Enrol
1. Fill in the student/guardian details below.
2. Each course runs over a five day period from Monday to Friday, with the exception of Week 2 which runs from Monday to Saturday (we are closed on Friday, 1st July 2016).
3. Send in or hand in this enrolment form to us with payment.
4. All cheques should be made payable to Alpha Academy Limited.
5. Enrolment can only be confirmed once payment has been received in full.
6. A receipt will be issued upon payment.

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