



How the Wolsey Hall homeschooling system works at Primary



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Introduction

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Wolsey Hall Oxford. Before applying we recommend you take some time to understand how our courses work. In this brochure we explain what your child can expect on a Wolsey Hall Primary course and the support that students and parents will receive.

We offer Primary courses typically for ages 4-11. The Wolsey Hall Primary learning system is designed to support parents in delivering the learning to their child in a home environment. As your child moves through the year groups, they will be encouraged to become more independent in their learning – a key skill for the world of work and higher education. The Wolsey Hall learning system is based on our many years of experience helping thousands of students make exceptional progress in their studies. Read our [testimonials](#).

Structure of the courses

Primary is split into two phases: Lower Primary and Upper Primary. Lower Primary covers pre-year 1, year 1 and year 2 – these courses are typically for children ages 3.5 – 7 years old. Upper Primary covers years 3, 4, 5, and 6 - these courses are typically for children aged 7– 11 years.

Our courses are designed for parents to deliver at home. The courses cover the content requirements of the English National Curriculum and Cambridge International and are supplemented with a wealth of resources including videos, weblinks, worksheets, subscriptions and textbooks.

Our courses are 36 weeks in length and range from five lessons per week to one lesson per week depending on the subject chosen. Each course is divided into three parts, and each part comprises 12 weeks of learning. To provide flexibility and ensure holidays and other commitments can take place, you and your child will have 12 months to complete the course.

Lower Primary

Our Lower Primary students will need more support and help at home. Your role in these courses is very much hands-on, and you will be very involved in every aspect of your child's education.

Upper Primary

As students move through Upper Primary, they become more independent in their learning. They will quickly learn the timetable you have decided at home, their homeschooling routines, and begin to take more responsibility for their own learning. By the time your child is finishing Year 6, they are likely to be working completely independently with minimum input and support needed from you to facilitate the learning at home. The longer our students are with Wolsey Hall, the more independent they become!



Structure of the courses

Finding the Right Level of Entry

The Wolsey Hall learning system enables students to study at the right level for them. In many cases this will be at the age-related year group for your child. However, Wolsey Hall has the flexibility to allow students to enrol in courses outside of their age-related year. Whether you want your child to consolidate prior learning, stretch their abilities in subjects at which they excel - or just want to find the equivalent year to a physical school setting, the Admissions team can help you find the right level for your child. We have entry level criteria to help with this process too.

Canvas

You and your child will access all the courses and related support materials such as videos, weblinks, worksheets and subscriptions via Canvas - our online learning system. The system is easy and intuitive to use and detailed instructions about how to use Canvas will be sent to you on enrolment. All our courses are broken down into lessons which allows our families to study the course in manageable chunks in their own time and at their own pace.

Textbooks and Subscriptions

All textbooks required for the course are included in the course fee together with subscriptions to educational websites which offer our students considerable savings on individual subscriptions.

Technical Requirements

Our Primary courses work best when a family has a few essential items to support the learning at home. These include:

- Access to the internet
- Computer (desktop or laptop)
- Printer
- Scanner OR device e.g., tablet or mobile that can scan documents

Some courses - such as art and science – may require additional equipment and details can be found in the course information on our website.



Support on the courses

Course materials

Our key aim is to provide flexible, enjoyable, and varied lessons to complete at home. Our courses do not include any timetabled online lessons as we believe it's important for students to work through course materials at their own pace. However, all our courses include enrichment and enhancement video content to complement, extend or test knowledge. Many courses also include subscriptions to a wide variety of educational and interactive websites. Most Wolsey Hall Primary courses include quizzes to test knowledge and understanding and every course has assignments that are marked by our fully qualified UK- trained and experienced teachers – known as Tutors here at Wolsey Hall - who provide detailed and encouraging feedback.



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Assignments and Tutor Feedback

At the end of each block of learning your child will submit an assignment to their Tutor via the Canvas online system. You and your child will also have the opportunity at this point to meet online with your child's Tutor. This is a chance for your child to consolidate their understanding of the learning material covered to date.

Support on the courses

Student Progress Manager

When your child is enrolled on one of our courses, they will be assigned a Student Progress Manager (SPM) who will be in regular contact with you and your child throughout their studies to help them stay on track with their course(s) and ensure that all is running smoothly. On enrolment, your SPM will prepare an Assignment Schedule for your child showing when each of their assignments is due. You should encourage your child to stick to it as closely as they can. If you fall behind this schedule for any reason, such as illness or holidays, you would contact your SPM so that the schedule can be adjusted as necessary.

Tutor(s)

Your child will have a designated Tutor for each of their courses. In our lower years you will have the same tutor for the core subjects of English, Maths, and Science. The Tutors will assess, grade, and provide detailed feedback on your child's assignments - answering any course-related questions they or you have along the way. We will send you and your child each Tutor's profile when you enrol – so you will know quite a lot about them before meeting in your first video call. Tutors will mark and return assignments within five days. You and your child will be alerted via Canvas when a marked assignment is ready to view.



Learning Support

If your child has a special educational need or you require extra support as a family, we offer a variety of options which includes advice and specialist support for specific learning difficulties.

These services are all delivered via video call.

The Wolsey Hall Community

Student Community

We have a thriving Primary student community. No matter where they are in the world, every Primary student has the chance to join in with our monthly clubs and competitions.

Each month, new club themes are set to challenge the students. Clubs include Art, Creative Writing, LEGO, Books, Chess, Eco, Cookery and Photography. Students can connect with each other and club leaders via some of the club online meet-ups. We even have a virtual library which offers a fantastic choice of e-books that students can borrow for free! Books can be accessed anywhere, anytime and on multiple devices.

We have several ways for parents to connect and stay informed of developments at Wolsey Hall too.



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Recommendations

We understand that making the decision to homeschool your child is a big step so reading recommendations from others can be reassuring. Our Student Stories shine a spotlight on the variety of students studying with Wolsey Hall.

Our Admissions Team can also put you in touch with other families studying in the same country as you.

We hope this information has been helpful!