

Information about the school

Michael Hall School is the largest and oldest Steiner Waldorf School in the UK. We are based in Kidbrooke Mansion, built in 1735, which stands majestically in 60 hectares of landscaped parkland adjoining the Ashdown Forest.



Our Value Statement

“Inspired by the Waldorf vision of childhood, our education values and celebrates each stage of development, facilitating each child's gradual self-realisation as part of a social whole. We are dedicated to harmonising the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of each of our pupils in a way that gives them the confidence, resilience and insight to make a positive difference in the world throughout their lives. As the longest-running Waldorf School in the world, offering a proven and progressive alternative to the pressurised approach to education, we continually work at deepening our teaching practice, the better to realise the aims stated above.”



Our Ethos and Aims

Michael Hall aims to offer an education to children from KG to age 18 that addresses the whole human being, body, soul and spirit at every stage. In working on developing this education as an art, the teachers are inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner and share this work with the Steiner Waldorf school movement worldwide. Our aspiration was summarised by Marie Steiner in these words “Our highest aim must be to develop young people who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives”. Our holistic approach attaches equal importance to the crafts, the arts and intellectual attainment.

With reverence for each child, the early years work builds a foundation for the whole of life-long learning. The class teacher guides children into society for the first 8 years of formal learning with loving authority, with a sense of the wholeness of life, making connections. In the upper school years the students encounter the expertise that can inspire them to find and achieve their own goals.

Our objectives

Michael Hall’s strategic objectives can be summarised as follows:

- To deliver a consistently excellent standard of Steiner Waldorf education to every pupil in the school.
- Subject to not compromising on quality, to offer a Waldorf education to as many children as the school can properly accommodate.
- To be a comprehensive school, educating pupils with a wide range of abilities, predominantly in mixed-ability classes.
- To support excellence in education by training and developing all current teachers and support staff in the school.
- To ensure that Michael Hall is a sustainable enterprise in every sense, continuously developing to meet emerging challenges and viable in the long term.

