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**UPPER YORK
SCHOOL**



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Introduction

Upper York School – Who We Are

Upper York School is an Ontario Ministry of Education approved private high school that grants credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). We offer small classes with individual attention to domestic and international students from grades 9 to 12. Upper York School is committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment so that students grow personally and academically.

Upper York School offers a curriculum focusing on the refinement of academic skills, and on the preparation of students for post-secondary success. Courses are designed so that students will understand the theoretical principles, practical applications, and substantive content of each given curriculum. Academic excellence and language communication skills are essential components.

Our Mission

To nurture a mindset and develop learning skills that enable students to lead by example as engaged, knowledgeable and compassionate citizens of the world.

Our Goals

- (i) to reach every student so that they achieve their individual potential;
- (ii) to provide a stimulating and engaging learning environment, focused upon preparation for post-secondary success.



Philosophy

To achieve our mission and goals, we:

- 1 Provide a diverse student-centred curriculum that enables students to develop emotionally, socially, creatively and physically.
- 2 Build a learning environment where individuals are respected and valued, and work together as a community.
- 3 Challenge students to think critically, to problem solve and to use a growth mindset.
- 4 Encourage students to be leaders in, and make positive contributions to, their local and global communities.



“With small class sizes, my teacher is able to give me a lot of individual attention. I like that lessons use multimedia and teachers have many resources and vary their teaching techniques.”

– **Lucy, grade 9**



Principal's Message

Welcome to Upper York School

As the principal of Upper York School, I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with you and your child to provide an outstanding educational experience.

Upper York School offers small classes with a low student-to-teacher ratio and individual attention to students. Experienced teachers deliver curriculum in a modern facility and focus on the refinement of academic and learning skills, and on the preparation of students for post-secondary success. Academic excellence and personal development are essential components delivered in our creative and engaging learning environment. ESL and tutoring programs are available to support students who are new to Canada and aim to attend larger private schools.

If this sounds like it may be what your child needs to take their learning to the next level, I invite you to come visit us or to call me personally at 905-604-8224.

Sincerely,



Heather Rees

Principal

Upper York School



Courses

Summary of courses offered in the 2017-2018 school year

#	Grade	Title	Code	Credit	Prereq.
1	9	Integrated Arts	ALC1O	1.0	None
2	9	Information and Communication Technology in Business	BTT1O	1.0	None
3	9	Issues in Canadian Geography	CGC1D	1.0	None
4	9	Learning Strategies 1: Skills for Success in Secondary School	GLS1O	1.0	None
5	9	English	ENG1D	1.0	None
6	9	Principles of Mathematics	MPM1D	1.0	None
7	9	Healthy Active Living Education	PPL1O	1.0	None
8	9	Science	SNC1D	1.0	None
9	10	Media Arts	ASM2O	1.0	None
10	10	Canadian History Since World War I	CHC2D	1.0	None
11	10	Civics and Citizenship	CHV2O	0.5	None
12	10	English	ENG2D	1.0	ENG1D
13	10	Career Studies	GLC2O	0.5	None
14	10	Principles of Mathematics	MPM2D	1.0	MPM1D or equivalent
15	10	Science	SNC2D	1.0	SNC1D

#	Grade	Title	Code	Credit	Prereq.
16	11	Financial Accounting Fundamentals	BAF3M	1.0	None
17	11	Entrepreneurship: The Venture	BDI3C	1.0	None
18	11	English	ENG3U	1.0	ENG2D
19	11	Functions	MCR3U	1.0	MPM2D
20	12	Financial Accounting Principles	BAT4M	1.0	BAF3M
21	12	International Business Fundamentals	BBB4M	1.0	None
22	12	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals	BOH4M	1.0	None
23	12	English	ENG4U	1.0	ENG3U
24	12	Calculus and Vectors	MCV4U	1.0	MHF4U
25	12	Mathematics of Data Management	MDM4U	1.0	MCR3U, or MCF3M
26	12	Advanced Functions	MHF4U	1.0	MCR3U, or MCT4C
27	12	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course	OSSLC	1.0	Inquire for details
28	12	Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership	PLF4M	1.0	Any health and Phys. Ed. course
29	N/A	ESL, Level 2	ESLBO	1.0	ESL Level 1 or equivalent
30	N/A	ESL, Level 3	ESLCO	1.0	ESL Level 2 or equivalent
31	N/A	ESL, Level 4	ESLDO	1.0	ESL Level 3 or equivalent
32	N/A	ESL, Level 5	ESLEO	1.0	ESL Level 4 or equivalent



Administrators and Teachers

Our qualified, dedicated and exceptional staff focus on providing personalized guidance and assistance to our students, enabling them to achieve their goals. We promote education as a partnership involving students, teachers, and parents. Upper York School is a vibrant academic and social community due to the collaborative effort from teachers, students and parents alike.

Administrators



Heather Rees, Principal

(M.Ed, B.Ed, B.Sc.)

- 18 years teaching experience
- Principals Qualifications PSPI, PSPII
- Canadian Association of Independent Schools Leadership Diploma



Lydia Gao, Vice Principal

(Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Eng.)

- 20+ years experience in Educational Management
- Awarded Special Allowance by State Council of People's Republic of China
- Outstanding Teacher of Beijing City



Administrative Assistant

Ms. Vivien Zhou

(MSc. Marketing, B.A.)

- Taught ESL in China
- Experience with college and adult students



Administrative Assistant

Ms. Celia Shen

(M.Sc., B.Eng.)

- Senior Certificate for Educational Management
- 8 years experience as an Administrative Assistant

Teachers

“Upper York School encourages and promotes an environment of learning for both its students and teachers.”



Ms. Chandra Bahadur

(B.A. Hons.)

- Teaches History, Geography and ESL
- Taught ESL internationally, experience with both elementary and high school students
- TEFL and TESOL/TESL Certification

“At Upper York School we all work towards a common goal: helping our students be successful.”



Ms. Gladys Hernandez

(Ph.D in Education Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed., B.A.)

- Teaches English, French, Spanish, Business, Learning Skills, ESL
- Taught ESL internationally

“At Upper York School, teachers and students work closely together in our small, exceptional, classes.”



Mr. Mohammad Tavalla

(Ph.D candidate, York University, MSc. Pure Mathematics)

- Teaches mathematics and physics
- 20 years teaching experience, taught internationally

“Inspiring, motivating and bringing out the best in my students is my passion.”



Mrs. Arooba Haseeb

(B.B.A.)

- Teaches Business Studies
- Experience teaching and tutoring all ages



2017 - 2018 School Calendar

There are no classes for students on professional development days.

Semester	Date	Time	Activity
1st Sept. 5 - Jan. 31	Sept. 5	8:30 am	Classes begin
	Oct. 5, 6		Professional Development
	Oct. 9		School closed
	Dec. 22 - Jan. 5		School closed
	Jan. 25, 26, 29		1 st Semester Final Evaluation
	Jan. 30, 31		Professional Development
2nd Feb. 1 - Jun. 28	Feb. 1	8:30 am	Classes begin
	Feb. 16, 19		School closed
	Mar. 12 - Mar. 16		School closed
	Mar. 22, 23		Service Placement
	Mar. 30 and Apr. 2		School closed
	May 18 and 21		School closed
	Jun. 22, 25, 26		2 nd Semester Final Evaluation
	Jun. 27, 28		Professional Development
3rd Jul. 3 - Jul. 31	Jul. 3	8:30 am	Classes begin
	Jul. 31		3 rd Semester Final Evaluation
4th Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	Aug. 1	8:30 am	Classes begin
	Aug. 6 and Aug. 31		School closed
	Aug. 30		4 th Semester Final Evaluation
	Aug. 31		Professional Development

Daily Schedule

Daily Schedule	
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Period 1
9:45 am – 9:50 am	Break
9:50 am – 11:05 am	Period 2
11:05 am – 11:10 pm	Break
11:10 pm – 12:25 pm	Period 3
12:25 pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch Break
1:05 pm – 2:20 pm	Period 4
2:20 pm – 2:25 pm	Break
2:25 pm – 3:40 pm	Period 5



“We have excellent teachers with a lot of experience. I feel good about the education I am getting at Upper York School.”
– **Mark,**
grade 10





Testimonials

What students and parents are saying about Upper York School

Reuben, grade 12 student

“There are so many reasons that I enjoy studying at Upper York School. The teachers are all nice to their students and take care of us as if we were their own children. The teachers guide us in solving problems, and treat us with respect by listening to our ideas. There is open communication with our Principal, and students are encouraged to share their ideas and advice. Lastly, I like that the school is small and we have small class sizes. This means teachers can give a lot of individual attention to their students, for example, checking homework and paying attention to what each student needs help with. All of these things have helped me become a more confident student, and I am achieving results that are better than I did before.”

Yilian, parent of a grade 10 student

“From the perspective of parents, we wanted a school that would do many things for our son: a) To pay attention to him as an individual and provide a personalized education; b) To develop his English language abilities; c) To foster his self-esteem by encouraging participation in extracurricular activities; d) To provide him with opportunities to communicate and cooperate with international and local students; e) To pay attention to the emotional and psychological well-being of international students. Upper York School does all of these things. We are so pleased that our son is studying there.”



Why Upper York School?

Our Programs

Our accredited programs offer small class sizes which provides our students with a better opportunity to excel academically. We are committed to building positive student-teacher relationships. The low student-teacher ratio allows teachers to provide more frequent individualized student feedback. Upper York School teachers ensure that every student understands the course curriculum and receives the appropriate support and guidance to realize their full potential. With the individual attention that the students receive, they will be prepared for the challenges ahead.

Our Advantages

Upper York School offers ESL classes year-round, and is semestered, meaning students can start in September, or February, and take summer courses in July and/or August.

Our Support Services and Resources

- English Language Learner and other tutorials, as required;
- On-site official IELTS testing venue;
- University Application service;
- Assistance with obtaining study permits and visas

“In the process of learning and personal development, each student is a distinctive individual. At Upper York School, this distinctiveness is recognized, respected and responded to with personalized education. At Upper York School, each student is provided with the opportunity to improve their learning performance and to foster their own personality. Parents can feel that the school is taking the responsibility to lead their children to a better future. We are glad that our daughter is studying here.” – **Weihong, parent of a grade 9 student**



Admissions

Enroll Your Eager Learners, Today

The admissions process is where our relationship begins. Your child's education is so important to us that our Principal meets with each family that submits an application to Upper York School.

After your initial inquiry and tour, the next step is applying to our school. An application allows us to collect information about each student as a learner and individual. The Principal meets individually with the student and also the parents. We are always happy to answer your questions.



“What I like best about Upper York School is that the classes are small and the students are very kind to each other.” - **Lisa, grade 9**

How to Apply to Upper York School

To apply for admissions at Upper York School, please complete the steps below:

- 1 Complete the online inquiry form.
- 2 Arrange a tour at Upper York School by booking online or calling/emailing the school.
- 3 Complete the online application by including the \$250 non-refundable application fee.
- 4 Send in a student photo (passport size) and most recent report card as well as a copy of the final report cards from the two previous years to heather.rees@upperyorkschool.ca or mail to 2832 16th Avenue, Markham, Ontario, L3R 0K8.
- 5 Please contact Upper York School 905-604-4622 to schedule an interview with the Principal. Every effort should be made to arrange a personal interview. A Skype interview may be arranged when distance creates a great inconvenience.



“I am really surprised and happy with the significant progress my child has made since joining Upper York School. He participates actively in all aspects of school life and I can see he is developing learning skills that will prepare him for future study and life ahead. At Upper York School, the teachers are professional and responsible; students are friendly and helpful; and the learning environment is welcoming.”

– Yaping, parent of a grade 9 student





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