

**THE HONG KONG CENTRE FOR STEINER WAL-
DORF EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES**

**CACHE Level 4/5 Diploma in Steiner Waldorf
Early Childhood Studies (Early Years Educator)**



February 2021—January 2023
(Part Time Diploma)
Highgate House School



This training is acknowledged by IASWECE.
International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education

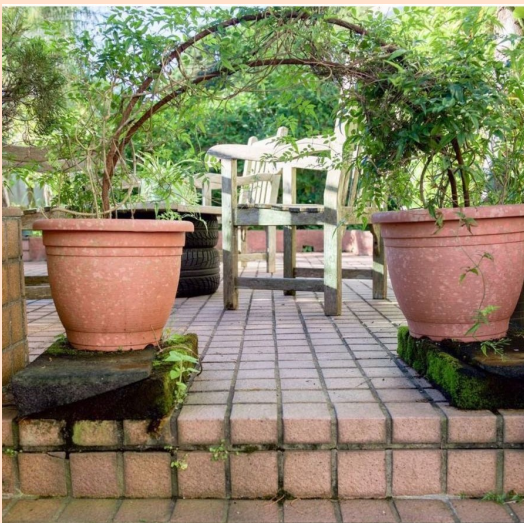


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“An unhurried, truly holistic, genuinely play-based approach to early childhood care and education.”

**Lynne Oldfield,
UK course director**



ABOUT THE COURSE

The course was established in 1993 in the UK.

Level 4 is a two year part-time course designed to meet the needs of students who may be unable, for practical reasons, to attend a full-time course. (There is also the option of a third year at Level 5, undertaken while working full time in a kindergarten)

The course is suitable if you are looking for a recognised, validated qualification in early years care and education and wish to specialise in the Waldorf approach to early childhood.

The course may suit those:

- wishing to take up Waldorf early childhood work in the future;
- wanting to become a group leader in a Waldorf kindergarten; or
- working in mainstream education but wishing to know and understand Waldorf principles and practice in the early years.
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Our course meets the UK government requirements for an Early Years Educator (EYE): these requirements are embedded in our Level 4 curriculum. It allows graduates to work as leaders in both Steiner Waldorf and mainstream kindergartens.

Additionally it allows you to proceed with only one further year to graduate with our new CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Studies – Leadership and Management. (Our Level 4 is a prerequisite for the Level 5).

Our latest external quality assurance report from our validating body, made the following observations:

"The standard of Internal Quality Assurance is extremely high. The very professional, encouraging, supportive attitude of the staff delivering this programme, towards one another and their learners, is very commendable and paramount to the success of both levels of qualification. "

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Child development as described by Rudolf Steiner is incredibly insightful. Putting these teachings into practice, I have already benefitted from a deeper understanding of my own children..

Marium Jafari

The tutors are not only mentors but also the role models from time to time demonstrating to us in this valuable journey of enlightenment & spiritual awakening.. **Janet Chan**

If you feel that you wish to work with young children in anyway, I highly recommend this course to you..

Cheryl Bob



QUALITY ASSURANCE & ACCREDITATION

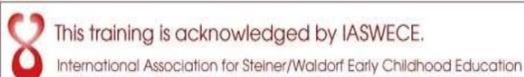
This course is currently validated by CACHE (Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education). The Level 4 Diploma is recognised as a full and relevant qualification and is listed on the OFQUAL (Official Qualifications) Framework of recognised qualifications in the UK

The course allows our students to enter the final year of our training and to graduate with our Level 5 Diploma in the third year. The course is recognised by the International Association of Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education and follows its benchmarks for early childhood teacher training
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The course has a representative on the Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Group (SWEG, UK) and on the Association for Steiner Waldorf Teacher Education (ASWTE, UK).

Highgate House School, Hong Kong is the official Hong Kong Centre for the London Training Course and is the approved overseas subsite in partnership with CACHE and the Crossfields Institute. Our first cohort of Hong Kong students began in January 2017, to a full capacity intake. Graduates have gone on to work in both mainstream and Steiner settings in Hong Kong and overseas.

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LOCATION

Monthly Saturday sessions and intensives are based at Highgate House School, the Peak in Hong Kong.

This beautiful location is situated on the Peak with open views of the sea and mountain, providing a retreat away from the city bustle.

Highgate House School was established in 1992 and has adopted a Steiner Waldorf curriculum since 2001.

Highgate House offers a library and lounge area for learning and sharing ideas. This comfortable workshop space with an open plan kitchen is on the ground floor main school. Our main classrooms are spacious and filled with natural light.

In addition, students also invited to attend optional study groups held at Highgate House.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE & CONTENT

Year One –Foundation Year

- An introduction to the work of Rudolf Steiner and Waldorf education
- The development of the child from birth to seven years
- An introduction to anthroposophy (Rudolf Steiner's philosophy)
- The principles of Waldorf early childhood pedagogy
- Artistic activities for personal development – eurythmy, speech, music, painting, puppetry, handwork and craft activities.
- Observation and 50 supervised practicum hours in Steiner Waldorf early childhood settings



Examples of artistic activities (Group 1 intake)



Year Two –Education Year (Diploma Level 4)

The second year deals increasingly with the practical aspects of Waldorf early childhood education.

- Practical and social aspects of Waldorf early childhood education
- Personal development of the teacher
- Professional practice and current early years legislation
- Continuation of artistic activities
- Observation & 50 hours supervised practicum hours in Waldorf early childhood settings

Year Three – (optional) Principles into Practice (Diploma Level 5)

Students will be required to have agreed practice and observation experience in a recognised Waldorf kindergarten.

ATTENDANCE

The course is a combination of tutor contact and distance learning.

Students should be able to:

- In Year One undertake the study of set texts in weekly self-study groups (time/dates to be arranged amongst the students)
- Attend sessions one Saturday a month, at Highgate House (half day) during Years One and Two (two weekends to be long weekends Saturday & Sunday).
- Attend the two 'intensives' dates over the course of each year.
- Find time for written and artistic assignments, supplementary reading and the compilation of a portfolio of evidence for validation.
- Undertake observation for **50 hours** in Waldorf early childhood settings in **each** of Years One and Two (this can take place at Highgate House).



ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

At this level, and with a part-time structure, there will be significant distance-learning requirements to enable students to produce sufficient evidence of their knowledge and understanding of the course content, and to satisfy the awarding body's standards for qualification. Applicants should be sure that they are able to undertake monthly assignments, with both written and reading requirements. It is essential that assignments are given in on time. Students should ensure that they are able to take on this aspect of the training, before applying.

Throughout Years One and Two, between monthly sessions, students will need to produce reflective summaries of set texts and an average of one written essay per month as well as working towards a major essay at the end of Year Two.



ENTRY CRITERIA

Acceptance into the course is subject to availability and places are offered on a rolling basis. We limit the intake to a maximum of 20 students per intake to ensure a high standard of teaching.

Admission criteria are as follows:

- C or above in GCSE Maths and English (or local equivalent*);
- demonstrate an interest in Steiner Waldorf education's principles and practice;
- a good grasp of the English language.

*Equivalents: <http://ecctis.co.uk/naric/>. Please contact us for further information if you are in any doubt.

CORE TUTORS

Our tutors are drawn from a wide group of experienced and trained Steiner Waldorf teachers and individuals who have worked with Steiner Waldorf Education in various fields.

Founder and Director of Highgate House School, Julie Lam is

the course leader. She brings a vast range of experience and qualifications, including Montessori, Steiner Waldorf, Pikler, International Association of Infant Massage (IAIM) and Play Therapy.



Delia Sesiu— Core Tutor has over 27 years' Steiner Waldorf teaching experience and is a teacher trainer from South Africa. Delia jointly oversees the kindergarten curriculum at Highgate House and has been approved by the London course as an IQA (Internal Quality Assurance).

Amy Punton, a longstanding qualified Steiner Waldorf early years educator at Highgate House with 17 years of Steiner teaching, training and parent education experience

Lynne Kirk, experienced and qualified Steiner early years educator and storyteller with 36 years' experience.

Other tutors include Steiner Waldorf education experts from the UK including :

George Perry (Biography)

Philip Beaven (Eurythmy)

Penelope Wildgoose (Speech)

Sarah Rees (Neuroscience)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications open from **August 2020**. Early application is advised; places are filled on a rolling basis. Once the course is full, we accept applications on a waiting list basis.

Step 1

Send your completed application form and current CV along with an administration fee of \$500 to Highgate House School preferably via email to training@highgatehouse.edu.hk. Please include proof of bank transfer or electronic reference. (Please include names and contact details of a referee with your application. As far as possible this should be an individual who can attest to your character and who has experience of you in a work or educational situation.)

Step 2

If the entry criteria is met, you will receive an invitation to an informal interview with one of our core tutors to discuss your application. This will take place either in person or via a telephone call.

Step 3

If you are accepted onto the course, you will receive an offer of a place, together with a contract, and further details of fees and the course structure. Your place will be confirmed once we have received your signed Acceptance Letter and Cache Accreditation & Quality Assurance fee for London.



FEES & FINANCES

Years One and Two.

These require the payment of an annual course fee in each year. Students are also required to pay an one-off accreditation & qualifying fee to CACHE London at the entry points for both Level 4 and Level 5. Applicants should ensure that they have the means to meet the fees before the application.

Annual course fee: HK\$26,400 payable in three equal instalments each year of HK\$8,800)

Administration fee (non-refundable) \$500 payable on application

CACHE accreditation fee for Level 4 Diploma: c.HK\$6,000 (payable once only, prior to commencement of the course—this is passed directly on to the London Centre for Cache Accreditation & Quality Assurance)

Students may be expected to purchase specialized beeswax crayons (c.HK\$80) and certain texts from a set reading list. Further details will be sent out in the Welcome Letter.

We do also accept fee payments by credit card however this will incur a c.4% handling fee.

Year Three

Assistant/trainee experience in the optional **Year Three** may involve paid work. The course fees for optional third year at Level 5 will be announced during Year Two and will be considerably less than the course fees for Level 4.



Images of our Group 1 students undertaking artistic activities training.



Recommended Reading

"Free to Learn –An Introduction to Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education" 2nd edition, author Lynne Oldfield (Hawthorn Press)

"Rudolf Steiner, his life and work"
Author Gary Lachman (Floris Books)

	Intensives
	Monthly Saturday sessions
	Sat/Sun long weekend

TERM DATES

18th—20th February 2021 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) Saturday 27th February 2021	Foundation Intensive
13 & 14 March 2021	Sat/Sun long weekend
24 April 2021	
29 May 2021	
26 June 2021	
9-12 July (inclusive) 2021	Summer Intensive
25 September 2021	
16 October 2021	
13-14 November 2021	Sat/Sun long weekend
4 December 2021	
22 January 2022	End of Year 1

Intensive weeks are generally full day sessions from 10am-6pm.

GALLERY



FAQS



Contact Information

To request an application form or for further information please email training@highgatehouse.edu.hk

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Can I undertake my practicum hours at Highgate House School?

It is possible for you to undertake your practicum hours at Highgate House School, and we have so far been able to accommodate all students who have requested this. The course will also allow students to complete practicum in certain Steiner-inspired early childhood environments, so long as certain criteria are met.

I can't make some of the training dates, can I miss sessions?

It is important that attendance is as close to 100% as possible in order to achieve the Level 4 Diploma. Absences other than serious illness will only be granted very rarely under exceptional circumstances. Any absences will need to be approved in advance by the course leader, and students may need to repeat the session during Year 2 to catch up at additional cost.

Can I just come for the course without doing the Diploma?

If you do not need to receive the Diploma for teaching registration purposes or wish to complete the written assignments or practicum, we do have a second option which would not include the official Diploma qualification but is a "Certificate of Attendance". This means that you will only attend the lectures on the same training dates as set out for the Diploma term days.

The fees for this route are HKD16,350 payable in 3 instalments yearly plus a non-refundable application fee of HKD300.