



London's Micro School

# THE SCHOOL OF MAGIC



The School of Magic is London's first - and currently only - Micro School. It was founded by Jessica Smalls, who is our Principal and junior/intermediate teacher.

## What is a micro school?

A Micro School is an alternative education model that is made up of multiple Learning Pods (or classes). Our school consists of two pods and two teachers. Each teacher is primary, junior, and/or intermediate trained with a combined 30+ years of experience. We hold space for a community of self-directed learners studying the world around them and themselves.

## Our location

We are located at 1550 Brydges Street in the east end of London, within a church/community centre space. Our building has multiple indoor areas for learning, movement and mindfulness. In our backyard, you'll find a playset surrounded by cedar and maple trees. We are also fortunate to be right across the street from Kiwanis Park, equipped with trails and additional playgrounds.



## Hours of Operation

Our school days run from 9AM-3PM, Monday-Friday. We do not offer transportation or before/after school care.

## Our Programs

### **Core:** Monday-Wednesday

Our Core program runs from Monday-Wednesday, incorporating all aspects of our curriculum with a 40/60 split of outdoor and indoor time.

### **Outdoor:** Thursday-Friday

Our Outdoor program runs Thursdays & Fridays, with a 90/10 split of outdoor and indoor time.

### **Full-time:** Monday-Friday

### **Part-time:** Monday-Wednesday OR Thursday and/or Friday

The School of Magic is an insured and registered business in Ontario that operates outside of the school board and ministry of education. Our communication is with parents, and not through the ministry. Registered families are encouraged to observe our learnings through the parent portal on our website, and inquire about anything they need to at any time. We strongly believe in and support open communication and will be 100% transparent where necessary.

Students will receive support and instruction with mathematics, reading, and writing skills relevant to their developmental age. There will be a stronger focus on these mentioned subjects in our Monday-Wednesday program. All other learning will be taught through the realms of Magic, with the innerstanding that:

“ **Magic exists all around us; in all things and within ourselves.** ”



**Below is an outline of the foundational topics within our curriculum. Being an inquiry led and student centred facility, we make space for any additional ways we can support student interests throughout the year. Literacy and maths are interwoven into everything we teach.**

**Plant Magic: From Plants to Medicines** - We will be foraging from safe spaces in nature in ethical and ecologically sound methods, to aid in understanding basic plant identification and their common uses. As we progress through the year, this will naturally move into creating potions (decoctions, infusions, essential oil production and blends) for practical uses.

**Zen Magic: Know Your Energy & All Energy** - We will be exploring Drum Journeys, meditation and visualization to help students understand their own energy, how it shifts, and how this affects the energies around them. Most importantly, students will be learning to take responsibility for their own energy and will learn to identify their needs (mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually) so they can learn to find their own balance in their own healthy ways.

**Food Magic: Basic Building Blocks of Life** - We will be exploring food categories (proteins, fats, carbs and superfoods) and food creation to learn more about how to balance their own daily diet with the foods their bodies need. Everyone is different here, so we will not be teaching a one size fits all "meal plan", rather, students will learn about Earth Food. What absorbs well in the body, food as information, and how to identify their own nutritional needs.

**Body Magic: How My Body Works** - Students will be introduced to such concepts as Gut Health, Natural Immunity, Growing Bodies and Exercise, so as they transition through this stage of their development they have a true innerstanding of how their magical body works. Our main focus here will be accepting and loving every cell in our bodies with gratitude for the work it is always doing for us.

**Business Magic: Finding Purpose in Our World** - Students will be guided through a business basics program to help engage entrepreneurial mindsets. The goal here is to provide students with the opportunity to experience what it feels like to create their own product and work on their business plan all the way to product sales and customer follow up. This way, once they step away from us and into their next level of studies, they are ready with practical life skills that pay them.

**Drum Magic: Your Voice Matters** - When students enter our program, they will create their first drum. This drum will be important in our drum circles and will help facilitate unspoken communication, which makes up 80% of total communication. A larger drum will be made by our 13 year olds who will be moving on, to act as a "rite of passage" into young adulthood, with the innerstanding that their voice is powerful and has the potential to create change for the future.

# Our Pods & Teachers

**We currently have two pods (classes) at The School of Magic.**

## **The Sprouts Pod: ages 4-7**

Our early years/primary pod is taught by Courtney. Students in this pod explore all of the magic subjects outlined above, with an emphasis on literacy and math basics. In a centre-based scenario, students will learn about the magic behind letters and numbers that will allow them to read, write and further explore the world around them. A variety of other inquiry based lessons will be taught, both indoors and out. Students will have the opportunity to make their first drum, explore daily breathwork and movement activities, build a foundation for their emotional intelligence, learn business basics and much more.

The ages outlined above are used as guidelines to place students when entering our school. Children will graduate to the next pod when they are developmentally ready.



## **The Seedlings & Saplings Pods: ages 8-14**

Our junior/intermediate pod is taught by Jessica. With basic reading, writing and numeracy underway, students in this pod will dive deeper into the “why” behind our magical subjects and explore a variety of research projects. These projects will allow them to work towards earning badges - which are tokens of accomplishment and pride that students can choose to display on their personal drum bags, or wherever else. A stronger emphasis is placed on our business program in this pod, as students learn how to create their own, personal business and support its growth and expansion throughout the year.

Our Seedling and Sapling students are also given the opportunity to create lessons and teach them to our Sprouts, fostering the flow of student-led learning and the value of community connection within our school.

An educational assistant is hired to support the learning of this pod once the ratio exceeds 1:12.



We are currently supported by part-time educator; Pamela Reid, BA, MES, HBCE - and a list of hand selected supply teachers.

## Program Fees

Enrollment is currently available for children ages 4-14.

*Please note: we do not have any EA support and all students must be independently able to use the washroom.*

Fees\* are as follows:

*A 5% discount is applied to each additional child.*

### **PART-TIME: CORE Monday-Wednesday**

1 student: **\$7550 annual commitment:** option to pay \$755 monthly

2 students: **\$14722 annual commitment:** option to pay \$1472.20 monthly

3 students: **\$21894 annual commitment:** option to pay \$2189.40 monthly

### **PART-TIME: CORE + 1 OUTDOOR Monday-Thursday or Monday-Wednesday + Friday**

1 student: **\$9000 annual commitment:** option to pay \$900 monthly

2 students: **\$17550 annual commitment:** option to pay \$1755 monthly

3 students: **\$26100/student annual commitment:** option to pay \$2610 monthly

### **FULL-TIME: CORE + OUTDOOR Monday-Friday**

1 student: **\$10,500 annual commitment:** option to pay \$1050 monthly

2 students: **\$20475 annual commitment:** option to pay \$2047.50 monthly

3 students: **\$30450 annual commitment:** option to pay \$3045 monthly

### **PART-TIME: OUTDOOR Thursday-Friday**

1 student: **\$5000 annual commitment:** option to pay \$500 monthly

2 students: **\$9750 annual commitment:** option to pay \$975 monthly

3 students: **\$14500 annual commitment:** option to pay \$1450 monthly

### **PART-TIME: OUTDOOR Thursday or Friday**

1 student: **\$3000 annual commitment:** option to pay \$300 monthly

2 students: **\$5850 annual commitment:** option to pay \$585 monthly

3 students: **\$8700 annual commitment:** option to pay \$870 monthly

\*Each monthly fee is subject to HST. Online payments are subject to an additional 3% processing fee per transaction, or payment can be made via e-transfer without additional processing fees.

**All program registrations require a 10 month commitment.**

One time annual materials fees are collected at enrollment of \$300-\$600 per student, dependent on the chosen program. We will require this deposit to secure your spot upon registration. When registering for September, this fee is non-refundable after August 1st. Otherwise, it becomes non-refundable following your child's first day of school.

**Monthly fees are also non-refundable after the 1st of each month and due on the 28th each month.**

Give us a try!

If there are any reservations around committing to our program, we do offer an optional trial week. Depending on the program you are seeking, this “trial week” would include 2-5 consistent days. A trial week is an opportunity for your family to explore this alternative education model prior to making a full school year commitment.

Trial Week Options:

- Monday-Wednesday (Core Program)
  - \$200 +HST
- Thursday-Friday (Outdoor Program)
  - \$200 +HST
- Monday-Friday (Full-Time Program)
  - \$350 +HST

This is a one-time offering per child, as we do not offer consistent drop-in options. If you choose to register with TSOM following your child's trial week, the fee paid will be put towards your first month's tuition.

## Contact Us

For more information and to enroll your child, please email us at:

[enrolltsom@gmail.com](mailto:enrolltsom@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!



*Jessica & Courtney*