

**Supporting material  
for syllabus**

**Alternative programme for marriage and parenting.**

**Light Upon Light.**

From year 7 onwards, some lessons have the theme of marriage; Starting with lesson 6 of year 7, an alternative programme is suggested for strand 3b: Family skills, using the booklets “Bahá’í Marriage Programme” and “Bahá’í Parenting Programme”. Agreement of the School Management Committee and Trustee LSA, or whoever is in charge of classes, must be obtained before starting this alternative programme; this is because switching from one to the other would cause repetitions & omissions – once having started on the alternative programme, it should be followed through for the next seven years! If the alternative programme is not followed then these books are ‘dipped into’ and mixed with other material, assuming a standard type of lesson, whereas the alternative programme should be conducted as a series of workshops with the teacher just acting as facilitator.

Following the plan of the courses for which the books were originally written, the alternative programme is divided into 16 sessions:- six 1½ hour sessions on marriage and ten 1 hour sessions on parenting.

The schedule in the syllabus, which is flexible, is arranged as follows:

year 7.

6. BMP p.4 The Sanctity of Bahá’í Marriage.
10. BPP p.7 Attracting Our Children to Spiritual Ideals.
14. BPP p.13 Expressing Love in Tangible Ways.

year 8.

9. BMP p.10 Love and Intimacy.
14. BPP p.17 Communication and family relationships.
19. BPP p.21 Family Consultation.

year 9.

6. BMP p.15 Children – Planning and Parents
10. BPP p.25 Discipline
20. BPP p.29 Building a sense of Bahá’í identity in the home.

year 10.

3. BMP p.20 Taking Counsel Together.
15. BPP p.33 Protecting the light of the Spirit.

year 11.

3. BMP p.28: A Well-ordered Home.
9. BPP p.37 Prayer, etc. in the home.

year 12.

7. BMP p.34 Bahá’í Marriage and Service.
13. BPP p.41 Literature in the home.

year 13.

3. BPP p.45 Equality of the sexes.