

1) JOHN JENNINGS'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS ACADEMY, c.1720

An Account of the Rev^d: Mr Jennings Method of Educⁿ &c

The First half year Alegbra & Arithmetick twice a Week, Hebrew twice, Geography once, latine Prose authors once, french once, Classical Exercises once, Burgersditius Logick once,

The Second half year Geometry (Bp Barrows Euclid) twice a week (Logick) a System of my own - I am printing for their use) twice, Hebrew once, French once, Latine Poets once, Civil History once, Cicero once, Oratory & an Exercise of Reading justly once, Exercise once,

The Third half year Mechanicks, Hydrostaticks, & Physicks thrice; Greek Poets once, History of England once, Logical disputations once, Exercises once, an Algebraciall Question once, Miscellanys (viz: very short scketches of several Sciences not so directly in our way & metaphysicks, Fortification, architecture, Heraldry &c) once a week

The Fourth Anatomy && pneumatology twice Physicks once, Jewish antiquities once, Lectures of Astronomy, the Globes & Chronology once.

The Fifth Ethicks twice, Critical Lectures Relating to y^e Bible twice, Disputations in Pneumatology once.

The Sixth Divinity thrice, Christian antiquities once, Miscellanys once, & Moral discourses deliver'd from the Pulpitt once.

The Seventh, Divinity thrice, Ecclesiastical history once, Disputations in Divinity once, A Sermon to the Family once.

The last & Eighth half year, Divinity once, the history of Controversys in Divinity (Viz^t Spanheims Elenchs) once, Disputations in divinity once, Lectures of the art of Preaching Pastoral Care & Choice of Books once, Sermon once.

On Every Wednesday Night Some care is taken to form the Pupills to a proper adress delivery & action.

On Fryday Morning once a month (being our Preparation for the Sacrament) I Read a devotional Lecture to y^e academy divided into 2 parts, alternative, the Sen^{rs}. being allowed to attend the Lectures of the Jun^{rs}: but not vice versâ. The Jun^{rs}. in their Vacant Month-days are taught Psalmody & have a head of Meditation suggested. Account is taken every Evening of Private Studies, there being 2 Libraries Set forth for their use, as they please, one for the Lower Class, & another for the higher, & on a Lords-day even some Conversation is had with each apart about Inward Religion. In Divinity we first go over the Larger Assemblies Chatechism & then some Lectures of my own.

They officiate as Readers & Clerks in the Meeting all the 3^d year In the beggining of the last year they begin to preach delivering each a Sermon first to o^r own family & then (In their Tutors hearing) within the Compass of o^r own Congregation, & In the last half year they are Examin'd by Neighbouring Ministers & Preach any where abroad, They Read the Scriptures in the Family out of Greek Hebrew & French for the first 2 years, they are obliged to talk Lattin or French the busy part of the day. They Pray by turns in the Family in the morning. ^Our Vacation begins at Whitson^{de} & lasts 6 Weeks.^

Concerning the Trinity I don't at all retract my Subscription at the Quarter Sessions. I believe y^t the Father Son & Spirit are the one God in 3 persons, y^t the Son & Spirit are Equall with the Father; Talking once with Mr Nesbitt on this Head, He advized us in the Country not to Subscribe at all, but to be quiet whilst we might as the best security for keeping Truth which advice we all follow here & I am satisfyed are

almost all of y^e same opinion as to the Trinity with those who Subscribed in Towne,
& my self I Recon for one.

With respect to admitting Pupills I find it Necessary to observe these Rules.

- 1) That I admit no Young man till I see him & Inform my self by Personal Conference of his turn of Genius & Proficiencie in former Studies.
- 2) That I wait for sufficient Recommendation of him as to Sobriety from Impartial & Competent Persons, (as to this I'm well Satisfy'd as to your son)
- 3) That I take None from other Academys excepting they are of such short standing that they'l be Content to begin with me anew or at least ~~joyn~~ Joyn my Lowest Class If that can be done, because my Scheme is So particular, I can build upon no Mans Foundation.
- 4) I Begin a class but once a year & the Time I choose (If Pupills offer) is Immediately after our Vacation.

My Prices are 18^{li} per Ann^m Board & Tuition a Guinea Entrance, & Sheets wth half a dozen Napkins (or a Guinea more Instead of them) only to those who are Concerned in the Funds ~~I am~~ I Bate 20^s per Ann^m & the Entrance.