



Provision for pupils for whom English is an Additional Language (EAL)

For pupils whose first language is not English, additional support is provided, as appropriate, by the EAL Department. This provides class or individual tuition, as appropriate, in the four core areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening in order to allow non-native speakers of English fully to access the curriculum, to prepare them for appropriate EAL examinations, to exploit their academic abilities and to enjoy all of the social and cultural aspects of life at the School. In some individual cases, pupils who require EAL support follow a modified curriculum in order to accommodate this. For some pupils extra, individual, EAL tuition in addition to class lessons is needed. This is arranged through the EAL Department, in consultation with parents and guardians.

In the Fourth Form EAL lessons are provided to those pupils who need it, usually in place of French/German/Spanish. If it is appropriate for an EAL pupil to take one of these three modern languages, special arrangements are made for their EAL lessons.

In the Remove and Fifth Form EAL lessons are provided to those pupils who need it, usually in place of French. Pupils are prepared for IGCSE English as a Second Language and are also supported in developing the English language skills they need to use in their other subjects.

In the Sixth Form EAL lessons prepare pupils for the IELTS examination and also provide language support for their work in their AS courses. Most EAL pupils take three, rather than four, taught AS courses in the Lower Sixth in order to give them the time in which to study English. Some of them also sit the AS examination in their own language (if available) when they sit their other AS examinations at the end of the Lower Sixth year, so most achieve at least 4 AS examination results.

In the AS subjects most frequently taken by EAL students targeted support is offered to them where necessary and subject specific language support is also given by the EAL Department; these subjects include Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Business Studies and Economics.

In the Upper Sixth most EAL pupils take three taught A2 courses (as other pupils). At the end of the year some also sit the A2 examination in their own language (if available), thereby achieving four A level examination results. Guidance is given to pupils so that their exam entry strategy is one which maximises their chances of meeting their university offers.

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