



Provision for pupils for whom English is an Additional Language

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 foreign 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 GCSE 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. Some EAL pupils take three, rather than four, taught AS courses in the Lower Sixth as they find that their work takes them more time than most native English speakers. However, they usually 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 that most still gain a minimum of 4 AS examination results.

In several of the AS subjects most frequently taken by EAL students additional regular support sessions are offered and subject specific language support is also given by the EAL Department; these subjects include Physics, Chemistry and Business Studies.

In the Upper Sixth most EAL pupils take three taught A2 courses (as other pupils) and at the end of the year also sit the A2 examination in their own language (if available), so that most gain a total of four A level examination results.

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