

Faculty : Languages  
Subject : EAL



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### Faculty Introduction:

The EAL department supports pupils who are new to the UK or who need additional help in developing their English Language skills. All EAL students are tested when they start school and then given additional support as needed. At Key Stage 3 and 4, students may read with Teaching Assistants or Reading Buddies during Tutor Time, and will be supported by Teaching Assistants in class. They may also be withdrawn once a week in small groups to work on language skills. There is a homework club at lunchtime which pupils may attend for help in completing work. At Key Stage 4, pupils with Entry Level English may choose to attend EAL lessons as one of their options. Students who are new to the country will be given EAL as one of their options.



### Topics/Modules to be covered:

#### Key Stage Three:

School, The Family, Life in Britain, Famous People, Food, The Media, Predicting the Future, The Natural World, Education & Careers

#### Key Stage Four:

Leisure and Lifestyle, Hobbies and Interests, Important Firsts (narrating events), Appearances, Holidays, Special Occasions, Countries and Cultures, Health, Money, Education and Work, Ambitions and Dreams

Within the modules, students learn key words and practise using grammar structures that will allow them to express the related ideas. They learn to listen for key words and information and to structure written text. Year 11 students are preparing for ESOL for Schools examinations; Year 10 students are preparing for Functional Skills English assessments.

### Assessment:

Continuous assessment: students are assessed in the four skills of speaking, reading, listening and writing as they practise and improve these skills in class.

ESOL learners sit externally-set examinations in Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening.

Students taking Functional Skills qualifications complete internally-set controlled assessment tasks in Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening

### Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Homework is given weekly. This may consist of reading in preparation for the next lesson, writing following a lesson, or learning vocabulary. A key component of homework activities is practising exercises that will allow students to demonstrate the Learning Objectives for ESOL and Functional Skills English. Students are assessed each half-term.

### Enrichment activities/revision sessions:

The EAL Department holds a Film Club on Friday lunchtimes. EAL students are invited to watch a performance of the Key Theatre Christmas Pantomime in December. Students are welcome to work on their English after school, often on a one-to-one basis.

### Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>      <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english>      <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>  
<https://secure.qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-functional-skills/Entry-level.coursematerials.html#/filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category/Specification-and-sample-assessments>