



English as an Additional Language Policy

Related documents include:

- Schemes of Work for individual courses
- Course Overviews for individual courses
- Teacher Development Policy
- Examinations Policy

Legal Status:

Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by the Principal
- The Principal will undertake a formal annual review of this policy for the purpose of monitoring and of the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged, by no later than one year from the date shown below, or earlier if significant changes to the systems and arrangements take place, or if legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.
- The next official date for review is **September 2020**

Introduction

As the majority of our students have English as an additional language English lessons incorporated into their timetable. The amount of English language support depends on the course but as a guide:

G

This is usually a group for younger, lower language level students. These students typically receive fifteen English lessons per week.

G1

This is usually a group for students typically aged 14 – 15, but with a higher level of English. These students as a rule receive eleven English lessons per week.

G2

This is the one year GCSE course. These students receive six English classes per week. There are usually two groups, one for the students with a higher language level, and one for those that require more support.

AS

This is the first year of A Levels. These students receive six English classes per week. There are usually two groups, one for the students with a higher language level, and one for those that require more support.

A2

This is the second year of A Levels. These students receive six English classes per week and are often mixed with the Foundation groups as both groups need to prepare for their IELTS exam.

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Foundation

This is a one year pre-university course. These students receive six English classes per week. There are always two groups, one for the students with a higher language level, and one for those that require more support.

Examinations and Academic English

The focus of the lessons depends on the level of the students and the course aim, but we aim to ensure that students sit a Cambridge exam at the end of their course.

- For G, G1 this is usually the PET or the FCE exam
- AS, A2 and Foundation students work towards the IELTS as they will require this for their UCAS offer.
- G2 work towards the CIE IGCSE examination.

There is also a strong element of academic English throughout the courses, particularly from G2 upwards when students are required to write essay style questions in their other subjects.

Teacher Training

In addition to the above our academic teachers are aware of the importance of adapting their teaching style to take into account the students are studying in a second language. Teachers also receive ongoing training in this area through regular observations by the DOS(EFL), DOAS, and possibly the Principal, as well as peer observations and whole school workshops.

Students who require Additional Support

If a student is struggling with their course due to their language level additional support is provided either through attending lessons from another course, (usually one of the EAY groups if the timetabling is appropriate) or private lessons are arranged.

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