

THE KINGSLEY SCHOOL

English as an additional language

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored by the Headteacher and Head of Learning Support and reviewed every two years.

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Policy for the teaching of English as an additional language

The Kingsley School is committed to encouraging and enabling all pupils to fulfil their potential, and to providing equal opportunities for all pupils to access the curriculum. When a pupil may have difficulties in accessing the curriculum because of lack of knowledge and/or fluency in English, the school will take steps to enable the pupil to develop their English language skills.

However, as the school rarely has pupils in this situation, there are no qualified staff timetabled to provide English language tuition, and therefore special arrangements will need to be made for each case.

Senior School

- In the case of pupils who come from abroad, it is made clear when a place at the school is being offered that the offer is conditional on the parents or carers of the pupil agreeing to pay for English language tuition, in addition to the normal school fees. The tuition will normally be organised by the school.
- The school will ensure that lessons are timetabled as far as possible within the normal school day, whilst enabling access to as much of the normal curriculum as possible (e.g. they may be timetabled against some English lessons, or a third or fourth language, or against technology lessons if necessary).
- Staff teaching English language lessons will liaise with staff teaching the pupils, and support pupils in developing subject vocabularies, using textbooks, and completing homework tasks. They will report on pupils' progress at each reporting session.
- Subject staff may set differentiated tasks when necessary, but will generally aim to teach pupils at the same level as the class as a whole.
- If appropriate, pupils may sit external examinations such as the Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET), to assess their progress and proficiency in English.

Prep School

- Younger pupils may have their needs met principally through normal class teaching, with some support from the Learning Support and Modern Languages departments if necessary. Classroom assistants and, where appropriate, parents may help children in the classroom or individually.
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- If EAL tuition is needed this will be at an approximate additional charge of £790 per term. Although this may later change, dependent upon the extent of support needed.
- The Local Authority will be informed of any pupil who is joining from overseas with a Student Visa.

Appendix 1

Admissions Policy for Sixth Form

Entry Criteria

- a) It is important to establish that the applicant has a good command of the English language and will be able to cope with the challenge of learning in this high-achieving school where all lessons are delivered in English. English testing will be carried out by the British Council and students will be retested when they arrive. Applicants should consider the benefits and the demands of learning in an environment where the teaching is solely in English. For sixth form students, we recommend applicants visit www.IELTS.org for further information with a view to gaining an appropriate level for UK university entry which may follow sixth form study. Many universities request IELTS Level 6 or 7.
- b) To study A level at The Kingsley School students will need to demonstrate an ability to read, write and communicate in English to the equivalent of an IELTS Level 5. It might be possible for students to sit IELTS via the school.
- c) All overseas students wishing to study A levels could be required to sit an entrance examination set by the school. The entrance examination may consist of papers in English, mathematics and aspects of the individual subject wishing to be studied.
- d) Overseas sixth form applicants should attain the equivalent of at least 5 UK GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 and preferably a minimum grade 6 in their chosen A level subjects. This is often difficult to equate to overseas examination results. Confirmation of overseas examination results should be emailed to the Admissions Registrar by the student's current school as soon as they are known.