# **GUIDE TO EAL COURSES**





## Welcome to the Bedstone College EAL Programme

Bedstone College offers tailored English as an Additional Language (EAL) support, with different courses available depending on the English language ability of each student joining us. EAL support is specifically designed to help international students make a successful entry into the mainstream education system in the UK, leading to an even more successful academic career. Some international students will already have the required standard of English, and therefore may only need 'Appropriate Support lessons', (ASL), which are timetabled around their other academic lessons. Others joining us may need more comprehensive support (please see our all-inclusive fee structure). Bedstone will prepare the students academically, linguistically and socially from the day that they arrive.

### **Courses on offer**

- **1. Appropriate Support Lessons (ASL)** Recommended for students who come to us with at least three years' previous English language study. Students on this programme will prepare for the First certificate in English (two lessons B2) or the Preliminary English Test (B1) during Head's prep.
- **2. English as an Additional Language Support (EAL)** Recommended for students in need of more structured support. The EAL lessons will be timetabled when the students are not studying mathematics or science. The lessons are allocated according to need. This will usually be between three and five lessons each week of:
- A) General English lessons and/or Preliminary English Test prep at KS3
  B) iGCSE English as a second language course which will lead to an iGCSE qualification at the end of year 11
- **3. General English classes or ILETS classes** for sixth formers depending on their level of English. Students follow a general English course based on their entry level of English.
- **4. Additional British Culture/Conversation lessons**, this is an enrichment course driven by students' interest and knowledge of Great Britain. Topics discussed include fashion, music, British politeness, food and sport.
- **5. Additional English vocabulary needed to access science lessons**. These are tailored lessons to provide the language needed to describe experiments and scientific processes.
- **6.** In-lesson support to help students cope with Science and other language heavy subjects. A dedicated member of staff attends mainstream lessons to help with taking notes, translating and completing tasks.
- **7.** Three year A level course, designed for A level students with very basic English, this course immerses the student in their chosen subjects for three years rather than two to help them gain

better English language skills. In the first year the focus is predominantly on the acquisition of language proficiency, in order to be able to fully access the A level course in the second year.

If a student needs alternative provision we will discuss this with their parent or guardian.

## **Charges**

Group lessons (£15 per lesson). This course is particularly aimed at short term students who wish to leave Bedstone with the Cambridge First Certificate in English or Preliminary English Test at the end of their stay; (two lessons per week for a minimum of one term and only if there is a minimum class size of five students)

One-to-one, or in very small groups of two or three, as needs and timetabling allow £26 per lesson (one to three lessons per week)

A fixed charge of £960 per term if students need more than three lessons per week Charges are invoiced to parents at the end of the term

Students wishing to take an IELTS/PET/FCE/iGCSE examination will be charged for this in addition to usual fees.

International 'all inclusive' fee structure (September 2017)

#### **Tuition Fee:**

Senior School (£6700 per term)

Includes: All tuition in mainstream classes (including sports and most activities)

Unlimited lessons in English as an Additional Language (EAL) Textbooks and exercise books

All examination entry fees (first sitting)

CAS/VISA support

Transfers to and from airports on key term dates

Boarding Fee: Senior School (£4300 per term)

Includes: Full board and lodging

Three meals plus afternoon tea each day

Linen/duvets for beds

Weekly laundry service

Unlimited weekend activities programme (does not include extra 'top-ups')

Not included: Guardianship arrangements, some activities (e.g. one-to-one music tuition)

For an application form please contact the admissions department at Bedstone College:

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