IGCSE English (EAL)

“It is our aim in the EAL department to contribute positively to the experience of all non-native speakers, helping them to integrate as fully as possible in the curriculum.

We want our every one of our students to reach a stage where they no longer need the support of the EAL department.”

Jason Cook
Head of EAL

Course Summary

The EAL course follows a grammatically based syllabus with the particular aim of improving reading comprehension, increasing written accuracy and developing communication techniques relevant to the learning environment.

IGCSE First Language English is designed for students whose English is native or near-native. It develops the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively in both speech and writing.

The Second Language course is designed for students, who are non-native speakers and need more wide-ranging learning and improvement.

Students learn how to employ a wide-ranging vocabulary, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and develop a personal style and an awareness of the ways in which English can be used. A grade C pass is the equivalent of a GCSE C grade or an IELTS 6.5 and meets the entry requirements for universities in the UK.

“EAL has not only helped to improve my English but has instilled in me a ‘can do’ attitude as well.

The EAL Department offers support and guidance across the curriculum.

The teachers focus on the language and study skills that are needed to be successful in preparation for GCSE study.

The IGCSE course and other help I have received has given me great confidence across my other subjects.

I now have the belief that I can achieve anything I set my mind to.”

Franziska Lux
Head of Dorter House 2012-13

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“In 2012 97% of Bede’s EAL students achieved an A*-C in IGCSE English, with 40% achieving A*-B.”