

EAL AT WREKIN COLLEGE

Learning English as an Additional Language



Welcome

We welcome international students to Wrekin College and we look forward to helping them improve their English and make new friends with students from all over the world.

Pupils' level of English will be regularly assessed in order to tailor the lessons we provide to each pupil's needs. Pupils who stay more than a year will take a placement test on a yearly basis to monitor their own progress..

Excellent Staff

The EAL team are all highly qualified with a lot of experience and a proven history of excellent results, which have enabled international students to continue their education at some of the best universities.

Lessons are taught in 1:1 and small group situations, with each pupil having their own book to work from. Appropriate resources are bought to specifically match the ability of the individual pupil.



Cora Thust



Alex Woodshore-Grey



Jen Roberts



Felicity Dawson

Setting of pupils

All international pupils complete baseline tests, so that groups can be set up with pupils of similar abilities. Work is marked regularly to track progress and to reinforce correct usage where mistakes have been made.

Qualifications offered

We prepare students for the Cambridge suite of exams at First Certificate, CAE and CPE level. Those who stay for a year or more will have the opportunity to take these exams in local test centres. Most Lower Sixth students work towards the IELTS test which will enable them to enter higher education in the UK or other English speaking countries.



Number of EAL (English as an Additional Language) lessons offered

Every international student who does not speak English as their first language is offered one 55 minute EAL lesson per week, plus a 55 minute clinic on Saturday mornings focusing on exam skills.

If it is found that your child's English is not yet at a level where they can access the school curriculum, we can provide extra EAL lessons which will be charged on an hourly basis.

First and Second Form (11-13 years)

French and Spanish is on the school timetable from First Form to Second Form. If your child does not want to study either language we aim to timetable our weekly EAL lesson in these slots.



Third Form (13-14 years)

Every Third Former will do both Spanish and French. Either of those languages can be taken forward to GCSE level in the Fourth Form. If a student does not wish to take either of these language options in the Third Form, please can you note that on your application form. If possible, EAL lessons will be timetabled during that time.

Fourth Form (14-15 years)

All EAL students must choose EAL as one of their four GCSE options. Every student starts the English IGCSE 1st Language course but the English department will decide in October half term who will be able to take both the English Language and Literature GCSE, just the English Language exam or whether the student should focus on acquiring EAL qualifications in the Fifth Form instead.

Fifth Form (15-16 years)

Those pupils who join the school in Fifth Form will focus on their language skills ready for A levels at Sixth Form, but may also take some GCSEs if their language level allows.

Sixth Form (16-18 years)

EAL students will choose either three or four A level subjects and have one free IELTS/CAE lesson during the week and exam practice clinic on Saturday.

Whether a pupil stays with us for one term or longer, they will gain an insight into internationally recognised EAL qualifications and leave well prepared.

Those who complete their A level course at Wrekin will be guided by us towards EAL qualifications needed for entry into universities in the UK or other English speaking countries.



Home languages offered to GCSE/A level

For those students who wish to gain a formal qualification in their home language (other than French and Spanish, which are offered as part of the school curriculum) in most cases we can arrange for private tuition which will be charged on an hourly basis.



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