

## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) AGREEMENT

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Eastbourne College welcomes all pupils for whom English is a second (or additional) language, provided they have the aptitude and ability to cope with being taught in English. They will be tested to establish their level on application and again on entry, enabling them to strengthen their English and benefit fully from the educational opportunities on offer. The EAL programme provides compulsory tuition for international pupils throughout their time at the College.\*

### YEAR 9

Pupils have four or five periods of specialist tuition over a two week cycle with a qualified English specialist. These lessons provide intensive English teaching. EAL lessons are timetabled instead of another language, for example French. Based on entry testing, the College may recommend that EAL is taken in place of both modern foreign languages rather than just one.

### YEARS 10 AND 11

Pupils have five or six periods of EAL over a two week cycle, usually instead of a modern foreign language. Pupils sitting GCSE examinations will take the IGCSE English as a Second Language exam, in addition to following the courses in IGCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language.

### SIXTH FORM

In Year 12, pupils have one lesson per week, arranged with the EAL teacher to fit around their A-level timetable. Alongside working towards a strong IELTS grade, linguistic support in A-level subjects can be provided if required. IELTS is usually taken at some point during Year 12, as organised with the EAL Department. Once the exam has been taken, lessons stop and are no longer charged.

The Sixth Form EAL course leads to an IELTS qualification, recognised as the standard test for those wishing to continue their higher education in an English speaking environment. It develops the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing, with particular focus on the types of tasks encountered at university. The cost of the course changes annually. Payment for the full year is made in advance with school fees at the start of the academic year. **Schedule of fees.**

\*The EAL course is compulsory for all international pupils unless/until the College decides that a pupil no longer requires EAL tuition. In this event, any unused EAL charges paid in advance will be duly refunded. Until such a time, EAL charges will apply regardless of actual attendance at lessons.

### TIMETABLE CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Where it is in a pupil's best educational interests to follow a more restricted curriculum by dropping another academic subject to allow more time for additional EAL or IELTS lessons (beyond the standard allocation), this will normally not incur extra EAL charges, as teacher time is being reallocated from one department to the EAL department.
- If, however, it is decided that a pupil should receive additional EAL/IELTS support while maintaining their full existing curriculum, then additional charges, on top of the standard EAL/IELTS fee, will apply.
- Parents will be consulted as part of the decision making process, via the pupil's HSM and the Head of EAL, before any curriculum or charging changes are made.

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#### Parental Agreement for Compulsory English as an Additional Language (EAL) Lessons

I agree to my child, as named below, attending EAL lessons for the required number of lessons per week.

Pupil Name.....Year group on entry.....

Country of residence.....First Language/(s).....

Printed name in full.....

Parental Signature.....Date.....