

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) POLICY

Statement of Aims

Padworth College is committed to making appropriate provision of teaching and resources for **all students for whom English is not their first language**.

The College will identify individual students' language skills and needs and provide adequate support as an integral part of the curriculum.

We aim to ensure that all students are able to:

- Use English confidently and competently
- Use English as a means to learning across the curriculum
- Access Further and Higher education by acquiring the necessary English language qualification

We will achieve this in the following ways:

- Assess the proficiency in English of all students whose first language is not English in order to provide a programme of language learning appropriate to each student and their academic course of study
- Provide meaningful, purposeful language learning opportunities, activities and resources both within and outside the classroom
- Monitor and evaluate progress of students and adjust programmes of learning to emerging needs through liaison with subject tutors, progress testing and the tutorial system
- Support students with general study skills, including recognition of key vocabulary, understanding of instructions and producing acceptable academic writing in the context of specific subjects
- Prepare students for Cambridge English exams (KET for schools and PET for schools), IGCSE English as a Second Language and IELTS for school, college or University entrance as required

Key Principles:

- Language develops best when used in purposeful contexts across the curriculum
- Effective use of language is crucial to the teaching and learning of every subject.
- The language demands of learning tasks need to be identified and planned for in all areas of the curriculum, including provision of differentiated activities
- Meanings and understanding cannot be assumed
- All staff play a crucial role in modelling correct uses of language

All English language courses are described in detail in our prospectus and online at www.padworth.com

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