

## **ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT & ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

### **Department Aims**

To support students whose first language is not English to access the curriculum, enabling them to reach their full potential in examinations and in the life of the school.

Ofsted January 2016 said that students "for whom English is an additional language, make good progress. This is because they all benefit from well-targeted support which helps them to learn well."

### **Department Ethos**

- To promote understanding, tolerance and respect for all the different communities within the school and society.
- To create an environment where minority ethnic students and students who speak English as an additional language, feel valued, achieve and enjoy.

### **Department Staff**

Ms E O'Rourke – Ethnic Minority Achievement Coordinator

### **Department Facilities**

The department has an office and 2 classrooms with computers and interactive white boards.

### **Key Stage 3 Information**

- Year 7 students are added to the EAL (English as an Additional Language) register based on information received from primary schools and interviews with students.
- Students arriving from overseas will be assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Students who have been in the UK for less than 3 years and /or working towards expected level in English will receive support from the EAL department and where possible a student support assistant will help in class.

### **Key Stage 4 Information**

- In Years 9 to 11 EAL students may receive support in their English lessons or other subjects if appropriate.
- Students arriving from overseas will be assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Students recently arrived in the UK with little or no English, will study one less option and instead have lessons to learn or develop English language skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening and to support their other GCSE subjects.
- Students in year 11 will be able to take an additional GCSE in their first language if it is available from the exam boards as long as they can speak, read and write in their first language.

### **Key Stage 5 Information**

- Students arriving from overseas will be assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, speaking and listening.

- EAL students can access support from the EAL Coordinator for study skills, academic support and support for emotional and social needs.

- Recent arrivals to the UK can study the IGCSE English for Second Language Learners, a 2 year accredited course recognised by universities.

### **Out of School Activities**

Trips are arranged with a view to increasing awareness and understanding of living in London/UK and developing English language skills.

### **Able, Gifted & Talented Students**

Ensure that students whose first language is not English are included on the A, G & T register when it is appropriate.