

## **English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy has a high proportion of pupils from bilingual homes where English is an additional language. These students come from a wide range of backgrounds, and contribute to the cultural heritage and diversity that greatly enriches the Lanfranc community. Their experiences inform and inspire teaching and learning across the whole school. Many of the bilingual pupils in the school are fluent English users and do not require additional language support. However, a significant number each year are at an early stage of their English language development. Our aim is to provide English language support to ensure that bilingual learners have full access to the curriculum and the same equality of opportunity as their monolingual peers.

### **EAL support**

All students are assessed on entry to determine appropriate intervention and support strategies for those with English language needs. Students also receive a Welcome Pack and are introduced to one of our Language Ambassadors, whose role is to become a peer-mentor for pupils who are new to English and help EAL pupils settle into the school. We will also ensure that EAL students have a bilingual dictionary and pupils are encouraged to use it in lessons.

Language develops best when used in purposeful contexts across the curriculum. Some KS4 students will be given EAL support as one of their options, whereas KS3 students will have timetabled support according to demand. Withdrawal support will be prioritised for beginners who are new to the country, but pupils who are not receiving targeted support are encouraged to attend homework/after school clubs.

### **EAL curriculum**

The EAL curriculum follows a four-level course, which gives students the tools they need for successful and enjoyable language learning. It has been designed to provide a balance between real-world content and carefully guided and structured language practice to build both confidence and fluency. Its content has also been created with both the [Common European Framework \(CEFR\)](#) and [Key Competences](#) in mind. EAL students' progress is assessed every term to monitor the effectiveness of these curricular strategies.

The EAL department also manages the Community Language provision and students are encouraged to participate in the GCSE Community Language programme, which supports them in preparing for GCSE exams in their community language. The department currently offers GCSEs in French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, and Portuguese.

### **Useful Websites**

<https://kidsread2kids.com/>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/>

<https://flashacademy.com/login> - ask your EAL teacher for your login/password

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The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy was awarded an International School Award from the British Council in 2019.