



REDMAIDS' HIGH SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS | BRISTOL

SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE Senior School

Aims:

Redmaids' High aims to assist students with EAL by enabling them to learn the English language and therefore support their access to the curriculum and wider school life. As well as English language assistance, a strong underlying emphasis in our EAL provision is curriculum support i.e. assisting girls with EAL needs to understand cultural context, learn specialist vocabulary and reach their potential in, for example, essay and report writing.

Support

Recommendations may be made to relevant families when an offer of a place is made at the school. Private tutoring before arrival may be made a condition of entry to the school, in order to give the students the best opportunity of accessing the curriculum.

If a girl has just arrived in England and her English is found to be very basic the school may recommend attendance at an EFL course designed to teach the foundations of the English language e.g. International House, 27 Oakfield Rd, Bristol BS8 2AT.

Girls who have reasonable English and who are able to follow lessons may receive EAL support in school. This support would be via a member of the Learning Support staff according to the needs of the girl in question. There may be an additional charge for some of these services.

Once a girl's English is very fluent, she will remain on the EAL List and the SENCo will monitor progress but not actively intervene unless there is a cause to do so.

In all cases, the suitability of the year group curriculum will be assessed and an individualised timetable created if appropriate.

English Qualifications

Whenever possible and advisable, the school will endeavour to help EAL students in years 10 and 11 to take a GCSE in English. This may be a GCSE in English as an additional language if it is deemed to be most appropriate.

Monitoring and reporting

Each student with EAL needs will be encouraged to set herself targets to help her progress.

Parents will receive feedback on their daughter's English development through the school reporting and parents' evening channels.

Examination arrangements

In public examinations, some EAL students are entitled to additional time and help. They are permitted to use a bilingual dictionary which has to be supplied by the school and which should be checked by staff prior to the examination.

Additional time (10%) is also allowed but only if:

- They have been in the country for less than three years;
- They have not been educated in an English speaking school;
- They need to use a dictionary extensively;
- English is not spoken at home.

(Staff should see the latest JCQ regulations for updates and individual exam requirements). Additional information can be obtained from the Examinations Office.

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