

KINGSMEAD SCHOOL HOYLAKE TRUST LIMITED
Including Boarding and Early Years Foundation Stage

English as an additional language (EAL)

Kingsmead has a long history of welcoming students into its warm and friendly community. If it is thought that additional English lessons are necessary, students will follow a reduced timetable, replacing certain subjects with extra English language classes.

In the EYFS, we provide opportunities for children with English as an additional language to develop and use their home language in play and learning. For example, staff learn key words in the child's home language, such as toilet, hello, goodbye, eat, drink, yes, no, so that they enable the child to make their needs known, and to show that their home language is valued. We also speak to parents / carers to give them ways to support their child's language development at home.

If EYFS students arrive at Kingsmead with English as an additional language, they will usually follow a structured phonics programme which will form a solid foundation on which to build. We encourage lots of reading and insist that English is spoken for the majority of the time.

Those pupils studying at Key Stage four will usually study between six and eight GCSEs depending on the level of English they have acquired, and additional support will be given to pupils to help them access the different GCSE syllabuses.

In addition to GCSEs, students can be entered for the Cambridge ESOL Preliminary English Test usually in Year Ten or Eleven. This comprises three elements, reading and writing, speaking and listening and it is one of the most internationally recognised exams for those with English as a second language.

Tuition in English as an Additional Language (EAL) can be arranged at the parents' expense.

We welcome students from across the world and during their time with us we aim to enrich their lives as much as possible in both language and culture.

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