



English as an Additional Language (EAL) Policy

Most girls who join Wycombe Abbey are from families with English as a first language. However, the School welcomes pupils for whom English is an additional language (EAL). Wycombe Abbey is a high-performing academic environment and girls require a good standard of English upon entry in order to succeed. The level of a girl's English is assessed through a variety of methods prior to an offer being made, including interviews and written examinations. Further details on entry examinations can be found in the School's Admissions Policy.

English is a compulsory subject in UIII to UV (Years 7-11). All girls at Wycombe Abbey sit IGCSE/GCSE English Language and English Literature in UV (Year 11). Pupils who join the School in the Sixth Form from countries where English is not the first language receive guidance on English qualifications required for entry to UK universities and are supported to gain these qualifications (usually IELTS or IGCSE English).

Wycombe Abbey teachers will always provide support for girls with EAL in the classroom, but where it is determined additional support is needed this can be provided in the form of extra one-to-one lessons with a dedicated qualified EAL teacher who supports girls with EAL.

A charges for individual tuition in English as an additional language is made. Please refer to the Bursary Department for current charge rates.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy.

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