



English as an Additional Language

With students joining our school from all corners of the globe, our English as an Additional Language (EAL) team ensures that all students are equipped with the necessary language tools to enable them to make the most of their time here at BISL and beyond.

EAL is taught by specialist teachers across the school and is based on a 3-tier system, which allows students to be supported according to their individual needs.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Students are fully integrated into the mainstream classes but may require support in specific areas of the curriculum to reach their full potential. The in-class support they receive focuses on their individual needs, with targets set by the class teacher, closely monitored by our EAL specialists.	Students are immersed into the majority of lessons but continue to receive EAL support in and out of mainstream classes. Increased independence is promoted through small-group sessions focusing on grammar and curriculum related vocabulary, while in-class support allows them to access the curriculum.	Students follow an intensive EAL programme within a specialised EAL class, which runs alongside mainstream English and topic lessons. The focus is on speaking, listening and vocabulary, for students to gain essential communication skills to support their social integration. Students participate in all other areas of the curriculum, including specialist subjects of physical education, music, dance and foreign languages, as well as other class activities.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
In this programme we focus on specific skills that the student needs to improve on in order to raise the quality of work in their mainstream curriculum, concentrating on essay writing skills for example.	Students that already have some competency in English, but who are likely to benefit from further support are given the opportunity to focus on improving their grammar, writing and reading comprehension skills, as well as to use their spoken English with more confidence. This programme also provides time for subject specific revision to ensure the students are able to better participate in their mainstream classes.	Typically involving students who have not had that much regular English practice, this EAL Programme is designed to give students the best possible opportunity to fully participate in their mainstream curriculum. This gives students the opportunity to have tailored support both in regular lessons where it is most needed and with individual specialist EAL lessons alongside mainstream classes.

COSTS

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
<i>Basic support</i> €200 per term	<i>Moderate support</i> €700 per term	<i>Intensive support</i> €1000 per term

Whatever the level of support required, our EAL team work with both the student, their teachers and parents to ensure the programme of study is relevant to the demands of the curriculum and the student's own personal needs.

Parents are welcome to arrange a meeting with our EAL team to discuss the programme further.