

# **LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL**

## **A Policy on EAL and EFL**

The school welcomes pupils from all social and ethnic backgrounds and with a wide range of language backgrounds.

Entry to the school is usually restricted from 11-14 and then again at 16. At 11-14 all candidates for entry take an English exam which is described in our admissions detail. We require them to reach a satisfactory standard in this. It is marked by the Head of English and may be discussed with the SEN co-ordinator and the Headmistress as relevant.

This requires them to read and write in English and to answer in full and structured sentences. For entry at 16 we expect all candidates to achieve at least a grade B at GCSE English or a 7.5 in the Cambridge English Language Proficiency Tests.

We also expect all candidates on entry test to reach a satisfactory standard in Maths and Modern Language papers.

All candidates from 12 -16 will also undergo an oral interview with either the Headmistress or Deputy Headmistress or Head of Year to assess their spoken English, their willingness to engage in discussion and how well they would make the transition into the school.

Pupils are accepted into the school on the grounds of their academic ability and their potential to do well in the system of education which we are able to provide. If it is judged that they will thrive in our academic community but require a little short term language support it will be sought by either the parent or the school. This support is additional to the educational fees paid for the academic education of the pupil and is worked out on a hourly basis. Pupils will often attend these language support lessons during their own time or at time when it is appropriate through their timetable but there is no provision for support within individual lessons. Pupils may also be given some support for learning English Skills by our SENCO if the timetable and circumstances permit. Regular reviews are made of the progress being made and parents/guardians are informed about progress at times in addition to the regular school reporting or consultation evenings.

Pupils who speak English as a Foreign language must also undergo the same admissions procedure and have access to the same support.

Pupils in both categories are encouraged to make use of electronic and paper dictionaries in class work as necessary. Teachers and pupils always work together to support students to gain fluency as quickly as possible to facilitate learning and socialisation.

In the case of EFL students the examinations officer of the school may make an application to the exam boards for special consideration if it is allowed.

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This policy is under regular review