



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE MALAYSIA

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE POLICY

Language of Instruction

We aim for all pupils to be able to access the courses we offer in our language of instruction - English. To that end we will support pupils we admit who need additional help in English. We believe in pupils continuing to acquire language proficiency in their mother tongue and that they should have opportunities to study additional languages. We recognise that our pupils join us with varying levels of proficiency in a wide range of languages. All MCM beaks will employ a wide variety of teaching and learning methods to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, presenting and viewing.

Admissions

During the admissions process we use a CAT, written task and an interview. Four core skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) will be assessed and graded on entry. The Director of Admissions will decide whether a standardised EAL test is also necessary.

EAL Support in the Prep School

Pupils receiving EAL support will be withdrawn from other language classes (depending on need) or receive in-class support. Pupils are withdrawn from class for a minimum of a full academic year. If they have reached a pre-determined level they will be re-integrated to language classes the following year. There is a charge for EAL support.

EAL Support in the Senior School

After the Y8 English examination, pupils whose English language ability is weak are identified. New Shell pupils whose verbal scores in Admissions tests are low are also identified. These pupils form an EAL group that has separate instruction in English instead of the second language.

In the Remove and above, pupils may have to have support outside class. After the mock English IGCSE examinations in January of the Hundred year, pupils may be withdrawn from English Literature to focus on the English Language. A special programme may be required for late pupil admissions e.g. into the Remove. There is a charge for EAL support.

Mother Tongue

On admission pupils provide information on the main language used at home. This allows us to build a mother tongue profile for the school. Formally we provide support for Mother Tongue in Malay and Mandarin where we offer a First Language programme from Years 3 – Shell. The Remove pupils have the

opportunity to study Malay and Mandarin as First Language IGCSE. In the Lower Sixth pupils will have the opportunity to study Malay and Mandarin Language and Literature. We dedicate a large proportion of our curriculum time to the study of languages throughout the school. We encourage pupils from the Shell to consider entering for Foreign and First Language IGCSE exams in mother tongues beyond our provision.

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