



## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) POLICY

### **Statement:**

English as an Additional Language (EAL) refers to any pupil whose main language at home is other than English. EAL pupils, from complete beginners to those with considerable fluency, will have varying degrees of difficulty in accessing the curriculum and in achieving their full potential. Such pupils at Huddersfield Grammar School are likely to need learning support if they are to reach their full potential. The provision of this support will be co-ordinated by the SENCO in order to fulfil the requirements of the Race Relations Act of 1976 which seeks to promote Equality of Opportunity and to eliminate discrimination in the provision of education.

This policy sets out the aims, objectives and strategies with regard to the needs and skills of EAL pupils.

### **Aims**

- To welcome and value the cultural, linguistic and educational experiences that pupils with EAL may bring to Huddersfield Grammar School.
- To implement strategies to ensure that EAL pupils are supported in accessing the curriculum.
- To help any EAL pupils to acquire the English language skills they need to be able to fulfil their academic potential and develop their social confidence.

### **Objectives**

- To be able to assess the skills and needs of pupils with EAL and to provide for their needs.
- To equip teachers and teaching support staff with the knowledge, skills and resources to be able to support and monitor pupils with EAL.
- To monitor pupils' progress systematically and use the data to inform classroom management, curriculum planning and the setting of targets.
- To maintain pupils' self-esteem and confidence by acknowledging and giving status to their skills in their own language

## **Strategies**

- There will be a positive and effective language ethos:
- There will be an understanding that a limited knowledge of English does not reflect a lack of ability or a lack of literacy in a pupil's mother tongue. Appreciating and acknowledging a pupil's ability in her/his own culture is crucial for her/his self-esteem.
- The language development of all students is the responsibility of all teachers and teaching support staff at Huddersfield Grammar School.
- There will be liaison between the SENCO and teachers to discuss language development within the structure of the lesson.
- Diversity will be valued and classrooms will be socially and intellectually inclusive.
- Teachers should be knowledgeable about pupils' abilities and needs in English and other subjects and use this knowledge to inform their curriculum planning, teaching and pupil grouping.
- Support will be provided, including the provision of in-class support and work in small groups where appropriate.

## **Teaching and Learning**

In order to ensure that we meet the needs of EAL students, staff will:

- assess the pupil's fluency level as soon as possible
- show differentiated work for EAL pupils
- employ a range of strategies within each lesson to reinforce understanding and meaning so as to develop language in context
- have high expectations, expecting pupils to participate in all classroom activities
- monitor progress carefully and ensure that EAL pupils are set appropriate and challenging tasks, including the setting of appropriate extended tasks
- recognise that EAL pupils may need more time to process answers and to complete extended work
- allow pupils to use their primary language to explore concepts when appropriate
- group pupils so that EAL pupils hear good models of English
- use collaborative learning techniques
- Spoken and written communication between the students and teaching and non-teaching staff, and between the school and parents and the local community, will be positive and appropriate, including the use of students' primary languages if appropriate.

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