



EAL

English as an
Additional Language



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EAL at Oakham

Our team of highly qualified EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers help to support pupils to achieve their academic potential and take part in the wider school community through small group teaching, individual lessons and ad hoc in-class support.

They also offer IELTS test preparation lessons to students who do not have an English Language GCSE qualification, and who enter Oakham in Form 6 to study on the A-level courses. This qualification is an entrance requirement for UK universities.



Intensive English Language Programme

"This one-year programme supports pupils in building their language ability, allowing them a year to "find their feet" whilst developing the subject knowledge and skills to access an Oakham GCSE curriculum."

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Oakham's focused Form 3 international curriculum recognises the fact that some pupils may benefit from an intensive English language programme before embarking on a GCSE curriculum.

This one-year programme is notable in that pupils' English language skills are developed by participating in mainstream classes for core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science) whilst providing intensive English lessons and extra science support to consolidate subject and language learning.

Fluency develops when pupils are relaxed: by integrating pupils as much as possible in House and co-curricular activities, language develops naturally.

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*"The extra Science lessons help us to practise and understand."
"The small group allows us to gain confidence in asking questions."*

Karin, current Form 3 pupil

Opportunities at Oakham

Full access to all that Oakham School offers including:

- Academic lessons (English, Maths, Science) plus Music, Design Technology, Theatre Studies, Art & Design, and Physical Education.
- Learning tailored to the individual.
- The option of beginner Spanish lessons.
- Pastoral Curriculum lessons.
- Sport, Music and Activities as part of the weekly co-curricular timetable.
- School trips in the UK and abroad.
- Access to expert careers advice and support with university applications.

Life at Oakham

Every pupil at Oakham, whether boarding or day, belongs to a House, providing a place of security, support and friendship.

Led by a Housemaster or Housemistress, and supported by a team of Tutors, Prefects and a Matron, each of our 16 Houses provides our pupils with the care and support they need to develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

EAL pupils are fully integrated into our vibrant House communities with lots of different spaces to work or relax with friends.



EAL Pupil Achievements

Konstantin ('19), played the lead role in the School production, A Christmas Carol

Alan ('22), studying Music at Jesus College, Cambridge



Yat Fei ('23), Oakham Scholar and Art Scholar, studying Medicine at UCL



Luisa ('23), studying Business and Law at EBS in Germany



Emily ('23), studying Illustration at Anglia Ruskin



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