



# ESOL

## English for Speakers of Other Languages

### Why should I study ESOL?

This course is for students who are bilingual or multilingual, speak English as an additional language, and who have arrived in the UK recently. The subject content is quite wide and covers topics such as work, leisure, culture, health and community – the classes are small and friendly, which means students can make progress very quickly. It has 3 components: Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening and is examined by Edexcel. Students can be entered at Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 with the possibility of being entered for Level 1 and 2 after two years. The highest grades are GCSE equivalent. It is a very practical course, designed to support English used in everyday life, in further education and in the workplace.

### Student Criteria

Newly arrived students whose first language is not English would do well to take this course. Students may be directed onto this option choice.

### Assessment

Students will be assessed in three areas of English - Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Assessment is by paper-based tests when students are ready to take them, progressing through Entry Level 1, 2, 3, to Level 1 and 2. This course is assessed by examination – no coursework. Each level is examined separately - pass or fail. Students can be entered for any level at any time which allows students to develop their full potential in reaching the highest possible level.

### Progression

Once a student has gained their ESOL certificate this could lead to further English qualifications such as English or English Literature GCSE or IGCSE English as First or Second Language. Alternatively, students can continue the course taught at tertiary colleges at a higher level. Equally, if students choose to work after Year 11, this certificate will provide a good foundation for them to build on their chosen career.