

English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Programme at Ermitage IB School includes:

- **English Intensive for students entering years MYP1, MYP2 and MYP3**
- **English Enhancement, for students in MYP1-DP2 subject to students' levels**

The purpose is to ensure students have a sufficient English level to access, progress and thrive in their learning and experiences at Ermitage IB School and beyond. We aim for students of whatever level of English, to be fully integrated and active members of our school community, where languages and language learning are valued.

Placement of students in our English Intensive or English Enhancement courses, which are fully integrated within the MYP programme, is identified via comprehensive assessment at admissions, with extensive exchange with the family regarding their children's previous learning, goals, and future plans.

English INTENSIVE

English Intensive at Ermitage IB School is a course for students with limited levels of English that allows them to develop their understanding, use and knowledge of the language so that they can fully achieve in their IB classes, as soon as they are ready to do so.

The English Intensive Programme is an opportunity for your child to join our MYP Programme, attending from Day 1 a range of core lessons, whilst receiving integrated intensive and personalised English support for long-term learning leading to academic success.

Key Points:

- Students can be enrolled for 6 months - 1 year, depending on level & progress, subject to initial and ongoing assessment
- Small, personalised groups
- Rapid progress, at the child's rate
- Lessons tailored according to student need
- Fully integrated with our MYP Programme
- Continuous assessment with feedback about what to work on
- Regular reports to parents about progress
- Once ready, steady integration to fully access main core programme
- Textbooks and digital subscriptions included

Course Content:

The course is diverse so that students cover many topics and develop their skills and knowledge in a variety of ways:

Students will have access to the award-winning platform www.learningvillage.net that allows learners to study at their own pace through a series of fun, engaging activities. This is a platform they can also access at home, and will be able to continue using for the duration of the year.

- Classes dedicated to practising and consolidating students' grammar and vocabulary skills.
- Speaking skills practised through authentic learning opportunities including presentations, role-plays and drama activities.
- Reading skills improved by reading texts and completing creative work inspired by the books.
- Listening skills honed by a range of media linked to the novels and drawing comparisons.
- Writing skills built up over the year from short messages to longer essays.
- Lessons to study the news and current affairs.
- Links to the Science and I&S curriculum, to scaffold learning progressively. EAL teachers work with the other MYP Programme teachers to teach foundations and ensure integration.

How does this fit in with the MYP Programme?

- All students will be a member of a Homeroom class to daily check their wellbeing and integration into school, and will help the students to navigate their new school.
- All students attend Maths, French, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Design, IT, Sports, 'Study skills' and 'Life skills' lessons with the other children in their Homeroom.
- All students attend assembly and participate in a Leadership Committee each week
- The Extra Curricular Activities programme after school is open to all and we strongly encourage our students to join at least one ECA.
- The English Language Learning Programme team liaise closely with the other MYP teachers to ensure that the programme supports each student as best as possible to be ready for and succeed in their programme of study

EAL ENHANCEMENT

English Enhancement at Ermitage IB School is a course for students with intermediate levels of English. They will have a minimum of two periods per week - or more available according to need - in which they consolidate their knowledge and understanding of English. The classes are for students who need some extra support to improve their English to give them the greatest chance of success.

Course Content:

Students will improve their academic English skills in a range of ways:

- Writing practice including the use of advanced cohesive devices and academic language in their essay writing
- Reading a variety of text types and inferring meaning
- Speaking through debates, role-plays and interviews, paying close attention to the type of language they use to structure their speaking
- Additional advanced grammar practice
- Studying higher-level vocabulary and applying them to real-life situations
- Improving understand of English through novels and poetry

Fees for EAL Programme 2024-25:

Student Level of English (as per school assessment)	For	Core Programme as part of MYP	Additional EAL Course	Approximate time required with this course	Additional cost
English Intensive	Students whose level is beginner to lower-intermediate, as assessed by Ermitage	Core subjects with targeted and integrated EAL support	12 periods in a bespoke group with digital platform access and resources provided to students	1 school year	4,500 euros for 12 periods a week for the school year
English Enhancement	Students whose level is intermediate to upper-intermediate, as assessed by Ermitage	All core subjects, with EAL targeted support as one option	2 periods (or more subject to level/ needs) per week in a bespoke group with resources provided to students	2 school years or beyond	950 euros for 2 periods a week for the school year