

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Charges for 2026/27

Important advice for parents and guardians of children whose first language is not English applying for admission to Dean Close School.

Dean Close has been accepting students whose first language is not English for many years, and from all across the world, tutoring and guiding them successfully through to 'A' level and University. Both the Preparatory School and the Senior School have dedicated EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers who are fully committed to helping your children to become fluent and proficient in the English language, able to study successfully across the entire British curriculum.

Dean Close School welcomes international pupils to all year groups, many of whom arrive in Remove (Year 10) to begin the GCSE programme. We recognise that pupils arrive with different levels of English and the English Language Training (ELT) team works closely with subject teachers to provide appropriate language support for pupils to achieve good grades at GCSE level.

The ELT department prides itself on its flexibility and dedication to individual needs. Students for whom English is a second language are assessed during the first couple of weeks after arrival to identify particular language strengths and weaknesses. Each pupil has an individual programme of ELT and we monitor progress to ensure they are on track and able to access the curriculum fully.

The ELT department also provides advice and mentoring for our international pupils. One of our main aims is to facilitate integration into the school community and help pupils achieve an all-round education. Working with subject teachers and boarding houses, we develop pupils' self-confidence and competence in English, so they settle quickly and enjoy all aspects of school life. All new pupils are encouraged to attend the Overseas Induction Weekend prior to the start of the academic year in order to familiarise themselves with the school and to meet key members of staff. This opportunity provides pupils with a positive and confident start.

Once we have devised an EAL support programme for your son/daughter, based on their language needs, their timetable and how many students are in the EAL class (classes may be private or have up to four/five students), we shall write informing you of the additional amount you can expect to pay for that year for EAL lessons.

Course books and materials will be charged in addition to the lessons.

English language tuition	Individual lesson	£67.00 per lesson
	Shared (2 pupils)	£50.00 each per lesson
	Shared (3 pupils)	£47.00 each per lesson
	Shared (4 pupils)	£42.50 each per lesson
	Shared (5 or more)	£34.50 each per lesson
Mother tongue language tuition	Individual lesson	£46.00 per lesson

The charges quoted above are based on a normal lesson length scheduled for 45 minutes. In some instances where lessons are for longer than 45 minutes the charges will be pro-rated accordingly.

If you have any queries please direct them to the Bursary in the first instance.