ERMITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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 EAL programme supports students in having a sufficient level of English 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 is identified through a comprehensive assessment during the admissions process, communicating openly with the family about their children's previous learning, their goals, and future plans.

ENGLISH INTENSIVE

English Intensive at Ermitage IB School is for students with beginner to lower- intermediate levels of English. It allows them to develop their understanding, use and knowledge of the English 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 the main lessons from the first day, whilst receiving 12 intensive and personalised periods of English support for long-term learning.

KeyPoints:

- Students are typically enrolled into the Intensive course for 1 year.
- Taught in Small, personalised groups
- Making rapid progress, at the child's rate
- All intensive lessons are tailored according to student need
- Continuous assessment with feedback about what to work on
- Regular reports to parents about progress
- Once ready, steady integration to fully access the full MYP programme
- Textbooks included

Course Content:

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

- 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 to upper- intermediate levels of English. They will have four periods per week, scheduled after the school day, 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 both in the MYP and looking ahead to the rigour and demand of the Diploma Programme.

EAL Programme

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 it to real-life situations.
- Improving understand of English through novels and poetry.

Fees for EAL Programme 2026-27:

Student Level of English (as per Ermitage assessment)	For	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)	Main subjects with targeted and integrated EAL support	12 periods in a bespoke group and resources provided to students	1 school year	4 500 € for 12 periods a week for the school year
English Enhancement	Students whose level is intermediate to upper-intermediate (as assessed by Ermitage)	Following a full MYP Curriculum, with English Enhancement at the end of the school day	4 periods per week at the end of the school day	2 school years or beyond	1 250 € for 4 periods a week for the school year

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