



EAL newsletter

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EAL, Teachers' Standards and ITT

The Teachers' Standards (2012) state that it is the responsibility of all teachers, whatever their subject, to "adapt their teaching to the strengths and needs of all pupils" including those with EAL. At the same time, research suggests that the

majority feel unprepared by their initial teacher training to do this (Starbuck 2018; Foley et al, 2018).

EAL teaching has links with English teaching as a mainstream subject, with modern foreign language teaching, and with English as a foreign language teaching, each of which are discrete subject areas, but EAL pedagogy is applied in all areas

of the curriculum. The learning of EAL takes place as much in science, mathematics, humanities and the arts as it does in 'subject' English. It also takes place within the 'hidden curriculum'. Beyond the school, it is affected by attitudes to race and culture in wider society.

The EAL service deliver ITT to PGCE students on how EAL teaching and learning takes place in classrooms and school.

CPD Courses

Spring term 2020

12/03/2020- Raising Cultural Awareness , Inclusion and Achievement of GRT pupils in Primary Schools - The Boat House, Wisbech

17/03/2020- EAL Secondary Networks -2. Norwich PDC

17/03/2020 - EAL Primary and Early Years Network-2. Norwich

18/03/2020 - EAL Primary and Early Years Network. King's Lynn

19/03/2020 - Raising Cultural Awareness , Inclusion and Achievement of GRT pupils in Primary Schools -Kings Centre, Great Yarmouth

20/03/2020 - LILAC 1- Norwich PDC

24/04/2020 - LILAC 2 - Norwich PDC

5/05/2020 - EAL Secondary Networks -3. Norwich PDC

05/05/2020 - EAL Primary and Early Years Network-3. Norwich

15/05/2020 - LILAC 3- Norwich PDC

02/06/2020 - Primary EAL Health Check-Norwich PDC

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EAL and first language GCSE

The EAL service encourage students with English as an additional language to take GCSEs in their first languages. This brings a range of educational and social benefits, including cognitive advantages, enhanced communication skills, raised self-esteem and motivation.

EAL students, particularly those who have good literacy skills in their first language, find that they can attain very good grades at GCSE.

Unfortunately, not all languages are offered at GCSE or A level. Pupils are still encouraged to attend community/ supplementary schools in order to maintain good literacy skills in their first/home language.



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