

## ENGLISH ACQUISITION AT LE RÉGENT

As a truly international school, Le Régent welcomes students from across the world, most of whom speak and write in more than one language. English is the first language of many – but for others, it is a second or additional (EAL) language.

Our academic programmes are predominantly taught in English, thus enabling our second language learners to have a full immersion in this target language. All subject teachers are trained in strategies to support EAL students.

### ASSESSMENT

Before joining Le Régent, the level of a child's English is assessed. This is done in the course of the application process using admissions tests, school reports and interviews. The acceptance offer will state which group the child has been accepted to and under which conditions.

At the start of term, or upon arrival at Le Régent, further formal assessments take place to determine the best-suited programme to follow. The decision to continue with the same or an adjusted EAL programme is taken at the end of each term, although it is typical for arrangements to be maintained for the entire academic year.

### ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

From Kindergarten to Grade 10, English is generally taught in two levels:

Mainstream English - First English Language & Literature specialists teach our mother tongue and near-fluent speakers

English Acquisition\* - EAL specialists provide second language instruction for second language learners in small groups, for which there is a supplementary fee\*. Once students have reached the required level to join mainstream English, they may be integrated into that group, at the discretion of the school.

Within the IB Diploma Programme (IB1 & 2), students join one of two English levels:

English Language & Literature - for mother-tongue or fluent English speakers

English B - for second language learners who are fluent in another language

### LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION

In the Primary years, EAL students sit Cambridge Young Learners Exams at the end of each school year. Gaining a Cambridge English Language Certification helps students gain confidence in using English and a sense of achievement for their progress.

In the Secondary years, students sit a full range of Cambridge English Exams for Schools. These world-recognised tests award students for their academic English proficiency according to the Common European Framework.

In their Senior years, students can participate in an IELTS preparation course and then take the IELTS test here at Le Régent.. The IELTS test is essential for any non-English speaking national applying to universities in the USA and UK.

## **ADDITIONAL ENGLISH SUPPORT**

### **Academic Support**

To concentrate on 'Academic' English, as a support to the learning of other subjects, students may require academic support lessons. These are usually in place of other language acquisition lessons (eg. German, Spanish, Mandarin), however, they may, exceptionally, replace another subject. Supplementary fees apply.

### **Private lessons**

In addition to the timetabled English lessons outlined above, a number of students may also require specific, one-to-one EAL support. For such students, individual or small group private lessons may be recommended. Registration is via the school portal.

\* Please refer to the Terms & Conditions for the supplementary fees for English Acquisition and Academic Support Lessons