

Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 10

Subject: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Overview

Integrated Skills in English (ISE) ESOL - Year 10

In ESOL pupils are being prepared to the Integrated Skills in English exam by Trinity College in London. The exam consists of two parts: Reading and Writing, Speaking and Listening. During autumn term pupils are developing reading skills. They are required to understand main ideas in the whole texts, identify specific information, deduce the meaning of words and phrases from their context and write short summaries of information in texts. In the reading part of an exam the candidates are assessed on their ability to read across several texts and demonstrate a range of reading skills including skimming, scanning, reading for gist and specific information.

In spring term pupils work on developing their writing skills including the ability to write formal and informal letters, essays, articles, reviews and reports. The work also focuses on spelling, grammar and punctuation, as well as developing new vocabulary. Entry 2 pupils learn vocabulary linked to topics such as holidays, school and work, food, shopping, hobbies and sport, weekend and seasonal activities. Those who are being prepared to the Entry 3 exam will develop vocabulary linked to travel, fashion, money, rules and regulations, health and fitness, and learning a new language.

During summer term pupils work on their speaking and writing skills preparing oral presentations for their exam. They practise simple conversations and discuss various topics to improve their speaking skills. In addition, pupils practise listening skills by completing various listening activities.

For more information, please contact the Head of EAL.