



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 11

Subject: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Overview

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 year 11 pupils develop the main four skills further at a higher level. In autumn term the focus is on developing the reading skills of longer texts, as well as reading four shorter texts including infographics. In spring term pupils work on their writing skills: they work on improving composing articles, formal and informal letters, discursive and descriptive essays, reviews of hotels, books, film, as well as reports. Learners constantly develop their vocabulary, punctuation and grammar skills which are also assessed during the reading and writing exam. During summer term pupils are being prepared to the speaking and listening exam, which includes work on preparing their topic for discussion, as well as practising conversation skills. In addition, students practise listening to texts of different lengths and topics.

For more information, please contact the Head of EAL.