



# WELCOME TO THE MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL EAL DEPARTMENT



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# AIMS

Our main aim is to ensure that pupils are fully integrated into school life, be that in their mainstream classes, on the sports' field or by encouraging them to try out a range of new activities. We strive for pupils to leave the school with confidence in their abilities, academic success and lifelong friendships.

We believe that receiving individually tailored EAL lessons, whilst living in a setting where they are immersed in the language, is the best combination for rapid progress in English. Whether pupils arrive with no knowledge of English or already have a good foundation, we will design a course that will both support learning and encourage independence.

The EAL department is run by a committed team who have many years of experience in Primary and Secondary education and EAL teaching.



# THE EAL TEAM

## **Miss G Dale**

I have over 10 years' experience teaching in a range of settings. Having completed my CELTA teaching qualification during my Gap Year, I worked in summer schools and taught business English in London, while completing my degree in history and politics at Queen Mary University. I then went to work in Higher Education representing students in academic matters, with a focus on the experiences of international students. I left that position to pursue an MPhil at the University of Oxford, where my research focused on the history of education in Colombia. During this time, I also worked to set-up a foundation year programme in Latin America, where I taught English and British culture. My research inspired my continuation to train as a teacher, qualifying a year later through the teach first programme at a school in Tottenham, London. I was able to grow as a school leader, becoming Head of Year 2 and Head of art and design, before leaving to join the team at Millfield.



## **Mrs N Blackburn**

I qualified as a Primary teacher with a specialism in Spanish in 2009 and had also obtained my CELTA qualification to teach EAL. I worked in various schools in London, including the International School of London. In 2013 I moved to Bath to begin a Masters degree in TESOL and was Assistant Director of Studies at Bishopstrow College before moving to Millfield Prep as Head of the EAL Department. I also hold a DELTA qualification which allows me to train other teachers in EAL.



## **Mrs P Eveson and Miss B Close**

Both support the team, ensuring high quality learning and pastoral care.



# WHO RECEIVES EAL SUPPORT?

Pupils' English level is tested during their first week of school. If they are below B2 on the CEFR scale in any skill they will need EAL support. Pupils are retested throughout the year and as their level increases, they will go into more mainstream classes.

Pupils will be taught in groups with those of a similar level of English.

**Complete Beginner A0-A2**

10+ lessons per week

**Pre-Intermediate A2-B1**

6-10 lessons per week

**Intermediate B1-B2**

6 lessons per week

**Upper Intermediate B2**

Mainstream classes



# WHAT TYPES OF ENGLISH ARE TAUGHT?

## **Survival English**

Essential everyday language needed to live in an English-speaking environment. We take a communicative approach, practicing through role play and general conversation on a range of topics.

## **Academic English**

Language and skills needed to access subject lessons. This could include:

- Essay writing
- Preparing and participating in a debate
- Researching a topic of interest
- How to write up a Science experiment

## **Cambridge English (KET, PET, FCE)**

We prepare pupils for the Cambridge English exams which are sat at the end of the year in June. We are able to offer Preliminary for Schools (B1 level) and in exceptional circumstances First Certificate in English (B2 level). We currently have 100% pass rate.

## **Literature**

Novels are carefully selected to boost vocabulary and to expose pupils to British history and culture. Pupils are guided through the texts, as they would be in a mainstream English class. Whilst these lessons will certainly be a challenge they can be taught at a slower pace to ensure understanding.



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

You can email me with any questions or concerns in relation to your child's EAL studies.

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