



**Clifton
High School**

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

‘Our inclusive school’

Years 10 and 11 - the Year Ahead

WHAT HAPPENS IN EAL LESSONS?

- 1:1 or in small groups of up to 3 or 4 pupils
- 4 skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing
- grammar and punctuation
- English Language and Literature GCSE support
- individual coursework support
- practise longer GCSE examination questions
- prepare for Cambridge Schools B2 examination

HOW DO WE TEACH? AN EXAMPLE:

English Literature essay in Y10

- How is the theme of love explored in 'Romeo and Juliet'?



EAL Learner: 'I'd like some help with this.'



SOME IDEAS...

How do I understand the characters?

- Match character descriptions to names and pictures
- Read a simplified text to understand the dialogue
- Create and practise lists of useful adjectives
- Build meaningful sentences

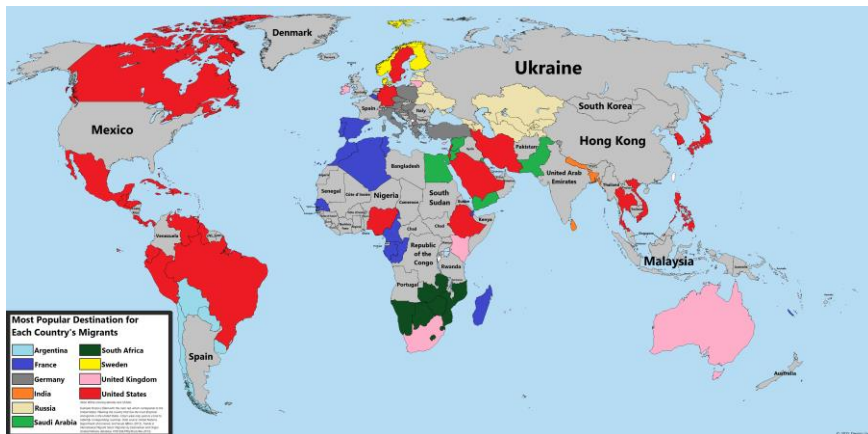
How do I structure my essay?

- Use an easy-to-remember guide (e.g., PEETER)
- Learn and practise linking words
- Analyse a model essay

HOW DO WE TEACH? AN EXAMPLE:

Geography GCSE question

- For a country you have studied, explain why people migrate from it to other countries.



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SOME IDEAS...

How do I choose the right language?

- Make mind maps of key words
- Imagine pictures that link with key concepts
- Build meaningful sentences from columns of words

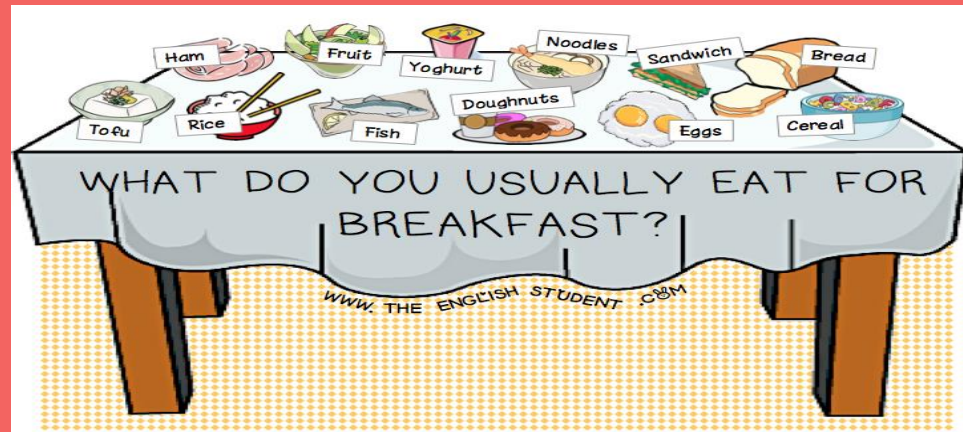
How do I organise my ideas?

- Practise using 'to cause' + noun/to + verb
- Practise connecting cause and effect (so/as a result...)
- Analyse a model answer from the mark scheme.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY EAL LEARNERS?

Cultural

- Life in the UK (weather, food, customs, festivals)
- School culture (new subjects, classroom expectations, learning styles, friendship groups)



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Linguistic

EAL learners can:

- can take up to 2 years to become fluent in social language
- can take 5 to 7 years to become fluent in academic language

But later, the ability to move flexibly between languages is of great benefit to thought and expression!

Universities of Edinburgh, Cambridge, Toronto and the Bell Foundation

HOW DOES CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL HELP EAL LEARNERS?

- Staff are experienced at welcoming international pupils
- Staff are given regular recommendations by EAL Department on how best to help their EAL pupils, and we work closely together
- Pupils are encouraged to talk to staff and their peers about any worries
- Pupils are encouraged to join school clubs
- EAL lessons include cultural awareness and take place 1:1 or in small groups where conversation may be easier



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

- Encourage use of Duolingo or British Council Learn English Teens – 10 minutes per day online
- Revise new words with them: use their EAL vocabulary lists
- Encourage *them* to teach *you* what they have learnt
- Read with them
- Watch English-speaking films/TV together and experiment with subtitle options
- Make sure they get enough relaxation time and sleep. Their days will be demanding!



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AND FINALLY...

...talk to us:

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