



**OXFORD
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A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (EFL)

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PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Students for whom English is a foreign language are identified at the application form stage and asked to supply their most recent IELTS test report form or other evidence of English language proficiency.

International students are required to have minimum levels of competency in English Language to pursue courses offered by Oxford International College. All students must satisfy the minimum requirements set by UK Visas and Immigration. In addition, entrants to our A-level programme must normally have an overall level of IELTS 6.5 or equivalent and entrants to our GCSE programme must normally have an overall level of IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. In some cases, students who fall just below the required level may be admitted on a pre-sessional programme initially leading to an academic course once the required level is reached or they may attend additional EFL classes along with their GCSE or A-level programme.

IELTS CLASSES FOR A-LEVEL STUDENTS

Year 12 students attend a minimum of two weekly IELTS classes until they achieve a 7.0 in each component and a 7.5 overall. Year 13 students attend a minimum of two weekly IELTS classes until they achieve the English language requirement for their chosen university courses.

Students are assessed regularly to review their progress and additional classes are added if required. Students are entered for an IELTS exam at the appropriate time.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR GCSE STUDENTS

GCSE students are assessed when they arrive to determine if they will follow the IGCSE programme in English as a first or second language.

EFL SUPPORT ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

All teachers are expected to give special attention to the language element of their subjects, checking whether basic English language errors will affect learning and performance. They are encouraged to liaise with the IELTS team and the Director of Studies regarding any requirements for further support.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about English as a foreign language at OIC please speak with Kim Terrar.

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