

Welcome to our May 2025 EAL Newsletter, where we share the latest updates and initiatives related to English as an Additional Language (EAL) at The Becket school.

***Read on for news and updates!***

### Welcoming New EAL Students

We are pleased to announce that we have welcomed several EAL students to our school community this year.

The English team have worked hard to ensure their smooth transition. We are providing personalized support, including occasional one-on-one sessions and tailored resources which have helped them settle into the curriculum.



***"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."***

***John 10:10***

We encourage all students, both new and returning, to embrace our school's diverse cultural landscape. The rich mix of backgrounds brings a wealth of experiences that enhance the learning environment for all.

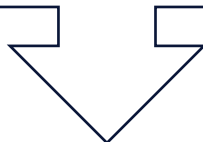
### EAL Support Initiatives: Bridging Language Gaps/upcoming CPD

We constantly aim to introduce new initiatives to support our EAL students' academic success:

- EAL Language Club: The after-school session is designed to help students with specific language difficulties, particularly in reading, writing, and listening skills. **We've seen great progress so far!**
- EAL Strategies for Classroom Teachers: Opportunities for staff to focus on differentiating lessons to support EAL learners, focusing on fostering both language and academic growth.
- EAL Mentoring Program: In autumn, we will be calling on Year 10 and 11 students, who are proficient in English, to volunteer to act as mentors for EAL students in Years 7. This initiative will be aimed at providing peer-to-peer support in navigating both academic and social challenges.
- Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness Training: Coming soon - a workshop to help staff understand the challenges faced by EAL students offering strategies to make our school a more inclusive environment for everyone.

### Looking Ahead

*As we approach the summer months, we will continue to focus on developing the language and academic skills of our EAL students. We will also be seeking further feedback from both students and parents on how we can enhance our EAL provisions.*

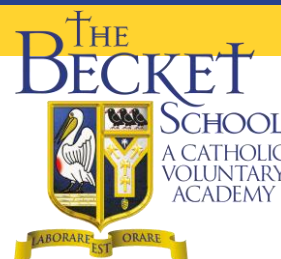


## SUPPORTING SCHOOL TRANSITION FOR YEAR 7 LEARNERS USING EAL

Transition to Year 7 is a challenging time for all pupils, especially for those using English as an Additional Language. In this blog\*, trainer Sarah Moodie (The Bell Foundation) offers ideas, tips, resources and advice for secondary schools welcoming EAL learners this next academic year.

Read Article: <https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/news-blog/>

\* This is an updated version of an article [originally published in SecEd](#) in May 2023



## Available in the LRC

A selection of specialist EAL reading books  
& on the Reading Cloud (Library Catalogue)



## NotebookLM *an AI-powered research and note-taking tool developed by Google*

**NotebookLM** is a great resource for teachers to use to summarize a variety of texts on any given topic, BUT it can also provide a summary of resources in another languages! A great support for our **EAL** students. Easy to access through Google.



*A practical guide*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ve6weJm24KU>

## Good Practice: Access Arrangements in Examinations, for Learners Who Use EAL

On The Bell Foundation website, originally published with [SecEd](#) in 2024 and has been updated to reflect the latest changes in access arrangements.



<https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/news/access-arrangements-in-examinations-for-learners-who-use-eal/>

*Thank you for your continued support in making our school an inclusive and nurturing environment for all students.*

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