



## IB Diploma Language Policy

English is the working language of the Diploma Programme and the medium of instruction at Haileybury. All subjects other than the languages are taught in English. Students write their Extended Essay (EE) in English unless it is a German or Italian A extended essay. Theory of Knowledge essays, Internal and External Assessments are presented in English. All CAS paperwork must be completed in English.

Students in the Lower Sixth (Year 12) must have proven ability in English to be able to handle the Diploma requirements. This is established by examination before admission. ESL support is provided in lower and upper sixth, all teachers endeavour to provide ESL support as required.

### Group 1 – Language A

The school offers English A – Literature and Language and Literature courses at HL and SL, Italian A and German A Literature as 'taught' courses at both HL and SL.

In order to be enrolled in the above, a student should be able to demonstrate adequate fluency in the language and competency in literary analysis which is assessed on entry.

No self-taught Language A courses are presently allowed but this is reviewed regularly.

### Group 2

#### Language B, *Ab Initio*

At present the school offers French, Spanish and Italian. The school makes decisions about the suitability of pupil for these courses based on initial assessment.

- This is a fast-track foreign language course open to a pupil who:
- Has no more than phases 1 or 2 experience of learning the language;
- Is not the mother-tongue of either parent, regardless of their passport country.

#### Language B HL/SL

At present the school offers Spanish, French, and by special request German.

These courses may be offered to a pupil who:

Has adequate fluency in the language - which would usually be a result of three or more years of study of the language;

The above would be measured on performance in iGCSE or other equivalent courses.

Whether the pupil is eligible for the SL or HL level course is on recommendation of the teacher/HOD

#### Mother Tongue

The speaking of mother tongue is encouraged at Haileybury. At present we offer three Mother Tongue languages (English, German and Italian). New Language A subjects will be introduced that reflect our ever changing demographics. Extended Essays are also conducted English, French, German and Italian A

#### Co-curriculum and Pastoral Support

Delivery of the co-curriculum is in English. Sport, Music, Drama and CAS activities off site require pupils to talk to English speakers of different ages and backgrounds. Pastoral support in the boarding houses is through English speaking staff. Language teachers provide an alternative source support for Italian, German, Spanish and French speaking pupils. The International Society provides support for all international pupils and provides introductions and opportunities to talk with other pupils in a pupil's native language.

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