

Spiritual development in EAL

Within the EAL classroom students are taught to accept, discuss and embrace a range of cultures. We teach the English students about the range of religions we have in the UK as well as encourage students to share their religious beliefs to teach the students around them about different viewpoints. Within the EAL classroom we encourage debate which allows students to develop their own beliefs and learn to discuss them. Creative writing, as well as the texts and poetry choices that we study, have been specifically chosen to encompass themes that cover elements of spirituality.

Moral Development in EAL

The EAL curriculum is based on three novels; Holes, The boy in the striped PJ's and Wonder. Each text encourages moral thinking through recognition of values. The themes in these books include the importance of friendship, lies, deceit, morals, ethics, race, warfare, kindness, courage and principles. Students learn how to write non-fiction texts such as newspaper articles, reports and reviews. This allows students to develop the ability to apply fiction to real life scenarios.

Social development in EAL

Social development is a fundamental part of the EAL curriculum. Not only have some of the students just moved to a new country, they will be expected to learn what is socially acceptable if different from their own country. This is done within the classroom through an emphasis on speaking and listening activities, group work, presentations and learning how to ask questions appropriately. Peer assessment is a fundamental part of lessons too. Frequent group work allows students to develop social problem solving as well as how to deal with confrontational issues. Some EAL students find it difficult to integrate with other English speaking students therefore we offer a buddy group whereby EAL students work with mainstream students to organise events for the school. The ESOL course that students undertake is based on how to survive in society.

Cultural development in EAL

There is a big emphasis on culture within the EAL classroom due to the range of cultures within the class. Students are encouraged to share their own cultural differences not only within the classroom but on culture day that EAL students organise for the school. Our speaking and listening activities promote opportunities to appreciate other student perspectives and experiences.