

## EAL Induction Course

City Academy welcomes international students from across the world and are thankful for the contribution these individuals make during day-to-day school life. Naturally, it is a real challenge for new students to adapt to new surroundings and a language that is initially alien to them. This is where the EAL Induction course comes into good use.

This is a scheme aimed at those students who are new arrivals and would benefit from a short-term initiative such as this, to help ease their transition into mainstream education, as well as give the student the desired confidence to move forward in their education.

The course has been delivered historically in either withdrawing a small group or 1:1 setting, where the student(s) work through a range of basic activities, to help better their reading, writing and listening skills. Session themes are generally linked to the mainstream curriculum, focussing on key vocabulary for each of the main subjects.

As the facilitator of this programme, I use a range of learning resources to help communicate and educate selected students, making good use of: English language course books and worksheets, interactive games and user friendly PowerPoints, board games, flash cards and elements of the Ruth Miskin language scheme.

Once pupils complete a module, they then take an end of unit test to check their understanding of the subjects and skills covered. It is good to see students gain notable confidence over a period of time, which is transferrable across the academy. I congratulate all those students that have already been successful in completing this programme and are making fantastic progress because of their enthusiasm and motivation towards learning.

At a later date in their education, our EAL students are encouraged to take a **GCSE** in their **first language**, if one is available. Students have performed exceptionally well in these examination and results have been consistently high. (85% of 2012/13 students taking their first language exams gained A\*/A grades).

Thank you for all your efforts and keep up the excellent work.

Mr Rogers

