



## THE ENGLISH SCHOOL OF KYRENIA

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### **LANGUAGES POLICY**

The language of instruction at ESK is English.

Language requirements are incorporated into the ESK admissions policy.

#### **Philosophy**

At ESK we believe that:

- All teachers are language teachers. Teachers are encouraged to use CLIL (content and language integrated learning) methodology in all areas, explicitly or implicitly.
- Language and communication are key to teaching and learning.
- Learning language is a life-long process and essential to intellectual improvement and cultural development.
- Language learning skills are transferable from one language to another.
- Teachers should be aware of the language needs of their students in addition to those of an individual subject and serve to meet these needs.
- Language learning must be supported and encouraged in all areas of the school community.
- Students need support in their mother tongue, to embrace their own culture more fully.

#### **Aims**

At ESK our language courses aim to:

*Develop and enhance students' reading, listening, oral and written communication abilities.*

*Develop students who can use their language skills in a variety of contexts and for a variety of purposes.*

*Enable students to use their languages fluently, effectively, accurately, and confidently.*

*Enable students to use languages as a means to explore cultures and appreciate different ways of life and viewpoints.*

*Promote a life-long interest in, and appreciation of literature.*



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### ESK KS3 Language provision

- Students entering KS3 at ESK will take a CAT 3 test and an English placement test to access their language level.
- All students will study English and Turkish. The level at which a language is studied will depend on individual students, i.e. First Language, Second Language or Foreign Language.
- All students in Year 7 will study French or Spanish and continue this to Year 9. However, on occasions this will not be possible if the student is joining the school in Year 8 or 9 and is not at an appropriate level of proficiency to access this course. Such instances will be dealt with individually, although the current process of having these students studying extra English during French/Spanish lessons appears to be working well.
- After school clubs will be provided by invitation for assisting with students' English. An organised programme of EAL lessons is also available as paid classes.

### ESK KS4 Language provision

- All students will study English and Turkish. English will be studied at either First or Second Language level. Turkish will be studied at First Language, Second Language or Foreign Language level.
- All ESK students who have studied French or Spanish at KS3 level will be offered the opportunity to study these as part of their IGCSE Option choices at the start of Year 10.
- Students new to ESK at Year 10 will be offered the opportunity to study French or Spanish if their language level is appropriate (following an interview with the relevant language teacher).
- Russian as a first language is taught at KS4 and 5 and Russian speakers are encouraged to take the formal qualifications.
- KS4 students are encouraged to continue the study of their mother tongue (if not already being taught in school) and take (I)GCSE examinations in the language where available.
- All First Language English students will study English Literature as part of their IGCSE Option choices at the start of Year 10.



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### ESK A Level Language Provision

- *English Literature, French, Russian and Turkish* are taught at AS/A2 level.

### ESK IB Diploma Language Provision

#### Group 1 subjects

- **English Language and Literature** (at both HL and SL). Students will be taught together for 3 x 60-minute lessons per week and HL students will receive another 1 x 60 minute lesson.
- **Turkish Language and Literature** (at both HL and SL). Students will be taught together for 3 x 60-minute lessons per week and HL students will receive another 1 x 60 minute lesson.
- **Russian Language and Literature** (at both HL and SL). Students will be taught together for 3 x 60-minute lessons per week and HL students will receive another 1 x 60 minute lesson.
- **Self-taught Language** (at both HL and SL). The school will work with parents, the local community, and online IB providers to facilitate this should a request be made.

#### Group 2 subjects

- **English Language B** at both (HL and SL). Students will be taught together for 3 x 60 minute lessons per week and HL students will receive another 1 x 60 minute lesson.
- **French Language B** at both (HL and SL). Students will be taught together for 3 x 60 minute lessons per week and HL students will receive another 1 x 60 minute lesson.
- **Ab Initio Spanish** (SL). Students will be taught for 3 x 60 minute lessons per week.
- **Any other group 2 subjects (such as Ab initio Mandarin SL)**. Students will be taught for 3 x 60 minute lessons per week.

**Language B** – Students shall only be eligible to study **Language B** if:

It is not their first language, but they can show that they have studied the language to the equivalent of (I)GCSE.

**Ab Initio** – Students shall only be eligible to study Ab Initio language if it is not their first or second language and they have had no formal teaching of the target language beyond the age of 13.



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### **Mother Tongue Support (for languages other than Turkish, English and Russian)**

ESK will work with the ESK community, and outside agencies to promote the learning of students' mother tongue. Every effort will be made to support ESK students taking (I)GCSE examinations in their mother tongue at the age of 15/16.

ESK will provide organizational backup, provide teachers for assistance, allocate classrooms, and will help to overcome any problems and issues that may arise. However, it should be noted that the Mother Tongue programme relies heavily on parental support and would be impossible without it. Mother Tongue teachers work privately after school hours and are paid for by the parents.