



EAL Policy at Kent College

Glossary of acronyms

EAL	English as an Additional Language: because for some of our students English is their third or even fourth language, this is the term preferred at KC to the more common, 'English as a Second Language'.
EAP	English for Academic Purposes: the widely accepted term for courses in which the focus is on the more formal English needed in higher education.
JCQ	Joint Council for Qualifications: the body responsible for public exam regulations.
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
IGCSE ESL	International GCSE, English as a Second Language
IELTS	International English Language Testing Service: their test of academic English is accepted as an English language qualification for entry to higher education. Some Universities may require an IELTS score in addition to GCSE English.
ToEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language: may be required for entry to American universities or colleges.
CEFR	Common European Frame of Reference: European measure of equivalence of foreign language tests.