

Language Policy Statement

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This policy is designed to describe the provision of languages in CATS College Canterbury.

The Aims of the Policy

The aim of this policy is to ensure that:

CATS College Canterbury appreciates and promotes the importance of good language skills.

The primary working language of the school is English. However the majority of students speak English as their second language and have another language as their mother tongue.

As an IB school CATS College Canterbury should promote and encourage the study of the native language of each student.

Procedure

English is the working language of the IB Diploma programme & of the college.

Within the IB programme CATS College Canterbury encourages every student to study his or her mother tongue in Group 1 Language A: literature.

CATS College Canterbury offers as taught languages English, Russian & German. All are offered at higher and standard level.

In addition Arabic, Bulgarian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Lithuanian, Serbian, Spanish, French, Turkish, Vietnamese, Georgian, Romanian & Bulgarian are offered as taught languages.



A language teacher is appointed to mentor the students and offers guidance in the target native language. If it is not possible to appoint a mentor then distance learning via Skype is used as in the case of Georgian & Turkish.

CATS College Canterbury offers Spanish, French, Japanese and Chinese at ab initio level.

Students are required to have a certain proficiency in English before starting the IB diploma but are not required to be fluent in the language.

CATS College Canterbury also runs A level courses in Russian, Chinese and German.

CATS College Canterbury has a well-stocked library with books in English. A large amount of DVDs are also available with a small collection of titles in a language other than in English.

CATS College Canterbury subscribes to an online language resource website which serves as a learning tool and support for students of French & Spanish at ab initio level.

Review of Language Policy

The Principal and or the Curriculum Director of Languages will review the Language Policy at least once every year.