

Course description

Bilingual Secondary

Course objectives

Our Bilingual Section welcomes students from a wide range of backgrounds who speak English as a first language. We aim to:

- provide opportunities to practise and build on learners' oral English
- develop and extend their literacy (reading and writing)
- provide a window into the English-speaking world through literature and culture

Approach to learning

At the British Council we offer high-quality, effective English teaching to help learners build confidence, become better communicators and prepare for their future, all in a positive, safe and inclusive learning environment. Our teachers are experts in supporting bilingual learners of all ages in their natural use of English. Collaborative activities like debates, projects and role plays are at the heart of our classes and we draw on a range of published resources, authentic materials and works of literature to ensure that learners are challenged, engaged and inspired.

Classes are divided into two levels:

- Developing Literacy Stream: for learners who, although orally bilingual, need support to develop their writing skills.
- Extending Literacy Stream: for learners who are at ease both orally and in writing and need to be stretched to extend their skills further.

Both levels also focus on core skills important for a successful future: digital literacy, communication and collaboration, creativity and imagination, personal development, citizenship, and critical thinking.

Approach to assessment

We assess our students' writing skills using the UK National Curriculum, which describes what each child should aim for at a certain age. Assessment is continuous so there are no exams. We communicate with parents in our mid-year student report and during our annual parent consultations.