UASC and EAL students at Oxford Spires Academy

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Some facts and figures

52% of all students at OSA are EAL.

39 languages are spoken at OSA.

30 OSA students are asylum seekers or refugees. Of these, 14 are unaccompanied, cared for by 3 different authorities.

So far this academic year we have received 16 EAL Mid-Term Admissions and 26 Year 7s needing EAL assessment.
How do our students get on in exams?

Since 2010 at GCSE our EAL students have consistently outperformed the national average for EAL students. In a number of these years, including this year, they have outperformed the national average for ALL students.
Do EAL students have an impact on a school’s results?

“The DfE recently published national data showing that, for the first time, average performance of EAL learners in GCSE examinations is higher than average performance of non-EAL pupils.”

NALDIC (National Association for Language Development in the Curriculum) 2018
Assessment

- All EAL students are assessed on arrival
- Students are placed in year group and courses according to need
- The EAL Team decides on support (Beginners’ Course, in-class support, mentoring, Steps etc)
- All EAL students are in mainstream tutor groups and year groups with relevant pastoral support
The Steps Programme

- A course aimed at new arrivals age 15+ with little or no English
- Full time, one year course in the Sixth Form
- Students study English language, Maths, elementary Science and a range of other subjects including Humanities and Arts
- Students have careers advice and college visits to help them with their next step
Who are the Steps students?

Currently...

- 19 students
- 9 UASC, 4 refugees, 6 other new migrants
- 4 girls, 15 boys
- Age 15-19
- Nationalities: Afghani, Albanian, Bangladeshi, Brazilian, Eritrean, Kurdish (Iranian), Peruvian, Sudanese, Syrian
Projects this year

- Community Garden Project
- Ashmolean Museum
- Poetry writing

We have also studied....

Pathways

Since July 2018, of 22 Steps students...

- 7 went to Elements or Level 1 courses at City of Oxford College
- 2 took a 5-GCSE package course at City of Oxford College
- 3 stayed at OSA to take a Level 2 Btec course
- 10 stayed at OSA to progress through the Steps programme
What happens next?

Refugee and asylum seeker students from OSA have gone on to:

- get a degree
- work in business
- become a lawyer
- work for the UN
- train as a hairdresser
- set up a company
- become a youth worker