CURRICULUM INFORMATION

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES 1
Age: 11 – 13 Or year level 6 to 7  Time: 09:00 am – 10:30 am

English for Academic purposes focuses on the academic use of the English language and students learn to develop critical and analytical skills when examining and presenting a range of texts.

Activities include reading a variety of texts, modeled and guided practice writing, researching information, discussion, drafting, conferencing, editing, writing polished pieces, oral presentations, close reading, viewing and representing and listening comprehension.

Teaching objectives
The student will:
• Follow written and verbal instructions;
• Develop the ability to read texts critically and analytically;
• Use a variety of strategies to prepare for writing (for example, identifying the key questioning words and using appropriate schematic structures to construct texts);
• Use the passive tense in formal presentations;
• Begin to use modality when constructing texts;
• Build a sophisticated vocabulary;
• Construct more detailed and oral pieces by providing evidence to substantiate main ideas;
• Write a first draft focusing on meaning rather than accuracy;
• Produce polished copy after conferencing and editing;
• Experiment with basic and less familiar adjectives, adverbs and punctuation markers;
• Use of a variety of language features to enhance speaking and writing;
• Pronounce words correctly and use appropriate stress and intonation patterns;
• Attempt to use appropriate gestures when speaking.

Learning Activities

Areas to be covered will include:
• A variety Text Types;
• Essay writing;
• Viewing and Representing tasks;
• Presenting Formal and Informal talks;
• Participating in Class Discussions and Debates;
• Completing close reading exercises;
• Listening comprehension exercises.