

EAL



This year Vinehall again embraced children from across the globe. Their inclusion brings so many benefits to our school. Pupils from East and West living, working and learning together as they are prepared for their next schools enriches the lives of all our students. Through hard work and total immersion in the 'Vinehall Way' our EAL Pupils quickly attain sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable them to achieve in a range of subjects at CE and in addition, undertake the ISEB's CE paper in EAL (English as an Additional Language).

This year Tim Li and Harry Chang, who came to us in Year 7, both achieved Distinction in their EAL examinations. Brit van der Meijden and Diego Cordoba who came for Year 8, both achieved Merits.

We started the Michaelmas Term with Clara Lorient from Spain. Clara came for one term to improve her English and liked us so much that she plans to return for Year 8. Ines Pizzuto was also with us for the Michaelmas Term. Joining us for two terms was Jeanne Bretillot from France. Our youngest EAL pupil, Sofia Sunyer joined Year 4 for the Summer Term, and we said goodbye to Octavio Del Ser as he moved to Sevenoaks School to be with his sister.

During the year we visited a farm to see the lambing, went to the Natural History Museum and having mastered 'Imperative Verbs' instructed Year 3 children in the making of Christmas decorations. The pupils also produced some excellent display work on computer and some amusing powerpoint presentations, in particular instructing an alien to take a bath! *Linda Callard*

