

IB English B HL and SL

The aim of the course is to enable students to reach a high degree of competence in English while also exploring the cultures of Anglophone countries. Students' linguistic competence and intercultural understanding are developed through studying in a range of contexts and for a variety of purposes. Above all, the course aims to provide students with a strong foundation for further study and the opportunity for enjoyment, creativity and intellectual stimulation through a growing awareness of language and culture. The course provides students with an English Language qualification that is equivalent to level B2 (for SL) and C1 (for HL) on the Common European Framework for Languages, which is accepted for entry into English speaking universities.

Content

Students build on their linguistic skills through the study of languages, themes and texts . There are five prescribed themes:

- Identities
- Experiences
- Human Ingenuity
- Social Organisation
- Sharing the Planet

At Higher level two literary works will also be studied.

Assessment

75% of the course is externally assessed through two final exams (paper one assesses the skill of Writing and paper two assesses Listening and Reading).

The other 25% is internally assessed and then externally moderated. The internal assessment comprises an individual oral taken towards the end of the course with the student's teacher. It is based on an extract from one of the literary works studied in class, followed by a discussion based on one or more of the prescribed themes.



Two final exams (one based on receptive skills, receptive and written productive skills) plus a written assignment)



The internal assessment
(an individual oral and 3 oral activities)

