


English Language				
Exam Board:	Cambridge International	Syllabus Code:	0500	
Course outline:				
<p>All students will study IGCSE English Language, with the vast majority sitting one English Language exam and completing a coursework portfolio comprising three written pieces. Throughout the course, students will study a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts designed to develop their skills as a reader and writer. The texts studied are selected to engage the students, with a range of forms, purposes and topics covered. All students will complete the same exam as there is no tiered option within this course. The coursework and exam are equally weighted, and the grading for this course is from A* to G.</p> <p><i>In rare and extenuating circumstances, students may be entered for the dual exam pathway. Students on this route sit two examinations, each worth 50% of their final grade.</i></p>				
Course assessment:				
<p>The assessment for IGCSE English Language course consists of an examination and the submission of a coursework portfolio. Students are assessed on both their reading and writing skills in both components.</p>				
<p><u>Exam paper (2 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worth 50% of the final GCSE grade• Marked out of a total of 80 marks• Students must read 3 passages• Students will complete 3 questions, two of which are broken down into shorter tasks. <p>Preparation for this component will require students to read widely to enhance vocabulary and hone analytical skills. As the main focus of this paper is reading, we will look at a range of newspapers, websites, magazines, memoirs, travel writing, biographies, diaries and blogs during the course of our study. We advise students to read further examples of these text types outside of lesson time. Although the exam focuses on non-fiction, reading fiction will still help students develop the skills required in this examination. We recommend that students read widely and often outside of lesson time.</p>				
<p><u>Coursework Portfolio</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worth 50% of the final GCSE grade• Marked out of a total of 80 marks• Students complete 3 assignments of 500-800 words each:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response to text• Descriptive Writing• Narrative writing <p>Preparation for this component will require students to produce a portfolio of writing. Students will have the opportunity to redraft their pieces to ensure that the portfolio is of the highest possible standard.</p>				
What qualities do I need to succeed in English?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must have a positive, resilient attitude. Developing a willingness to read, often and widely, will also enhance the skills required to ensure success in English Language.• Students must be pro-active in their learning; seeking to achieve their full potential by making use of all opportunities to further develop their work by acting on the feedback they receive.				