

# IGCSE ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE - 0500

## Why is English First Language important?

- To operate successfully in the workplace you must be fluent readers, writers and speakers of English. Employers expect this as a minimum.
- Colleges and institutions of higher education will always look carefully at your English grade. Overseas universities often have a minimum grade/requirement for English which you must meet in order to gain places with them.

## Course Content

- Argumentative/discursive writing
- Descriptive writing
- Narrative writing
- Intensive reading
- Language analysis and comprehension
- Summary writing
- Report writing/Magazine features/Formal and informal letters/Speech writing/Transcript writing

## How will I learn?

In lessons you will be encouraged to:

- Experiment with tone and register
- Think quickly and practically about your choice of language
- Inhabit characters from texts
- Discuss and analyse how language is used, and apply it by using a variety of styles
- Experiment with speech devices and figurative language
- Select what information is pressing and urgent (cutting the superfluous)

## How will I be assessed?

- The assessment is by coursework (50%) and one examination (50%)
- Exam: Reading Passages (2 hours for Extended and 1h45 for Core) 50% - The one examination is primarily an assessment of the candidate's reading and writing skills
- Coursework – 3 written pieces – each showing a different style of communication.

In addition, English Language contains a 'Speaking and Listening' element which is assessed and awarded as an additional and separate certificate, graded from 1-5.

# IGCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE - 0475

English Literature is taught concurrently with English Language and allows students to be exposed to a range of poetry, drama and prose (Novels).

Literature is assessed by 3 examinations covering the 3 main topic areas and is awarded as a separate IGCSE

*Not all students will necessarily sit the examination in Literature but they will all study Literature as it directly supports the study of English Language.*