

SUBJECT: ENGLISH IB HIGHER

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
MR S CALDWELL**

SYLLABUS NUMBER:

N/A

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

Students study thirteen texts from different times and genres. Students have the opportunity to study texts in translation and consider the various ways in which different cultures deal with common experiences.

The course is divided into 4 parts:

Part 1: Works in Translation

A study of three texts in translation linked by; theme, genre, culture, period, style, or other elements.

Part 2: Detailed Study

A detailed study of three texts from different genres.

Part 3: Literary Genres

Four works studied as a group from the same genre.

Part 4: Options

Three works from a range of genres.

SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

The ability to think critically about a wide range of texts.

The ability to write an accurate and well structured essay.

The ability to work independently when preparing and researching texts.

The ability to present ideas confidently both in written and oral forms.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

www.thestudentroom.co.uk

www.quizlet.com

www.wik.how.com

A number of IB past exam papers can be found at:

www.freeexampapers.com/past

ASSESSMENT

Each part of the course is assessed in a different way.

Part 1

Coursework essay, marked externally and between 1,200 and 1,500 words in length. 25%

Part 2

Assessment by individual oral presentation lasting 10-15 mins, moderated externally. 15%

Part 3

Assessed by a two hour written examination (Paper 2). Choice of two generic questions. Response must be comparative and deal with a minimum of two texts. 25%

Part 4

Assessed by an individual oral commentary and interview. 15%

There is a further examination (Paper 1) where students write a critical analysis of an unseen prose or verse passage. 20%

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

Students need to have a grade 6 or better in GCSE English and GCSE English Literature. The student should enjoy reading and be aware that essay writing is a key feature of the course, as is the ability to present oral work coherently and cogently.

OTHER INFORMATION

Eg Field Trips/expenses/books

Texts studied for coursework will be provided by the Department. Students may prefer to purchase their own copy of those studied for examination purposes