

## **SUBJECT: ENGLISH IB STANDARD**

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:  
MR S CALDWELL**

**SYLLABUS NUMBER:**

N/A

### **SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT**

Students study ten 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: Work in Translation**

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

**Part 2: Detailed Study**

A detailed study of two texts from different genres.

**Part 3: Literary Genres**

Three works studied as a group from the same genre.

**Part 4: School's Own Choice**

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](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.wik.how.com](http://www.wik.how.com)

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

[www.freeexampapers.com/past](http://www.freeexampapers.com/past)

### **ASSESSMENT**

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

**Part 1**

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

**Part 2**

Assessment by individual oral commentary, moderated externally. 15%

**Part 3**

Assessed by 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 presentation on a topic based on a comparative study of two texts. 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 5 or better in GCSE English Literature, which must have been gained on the Higher Tier papers. 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