English Language

## Class of 2018

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| Exam board information:Cambridge IGCSE English First Language 0500 |

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| Course content:Reading 50%Students will read a wide range of non-fiction, literary non-fiction and fiction texts to develop the following skills:* Reading for explicit meaning
* Inferring implicit meaning
* Identifying language techniques and understanding the impact of language choices
* Identifying structural techniques and understanding the impact of structural choices
* Analysing the effects created by writers’ choices
* Understanding and responding to complex ideas and opinions
* Locating and selecting information
* Summarising

Writing 50%Students will produce a wide range of shorter and more extended writing pieces in order to develop the following skills:* Understanding and applying conventions of a range of written text types
* Planning for purpose, audience and text type
* Learning and applying techniques to persuade, argue, inform, review, analyse, explore, discuss, describe, narrate and explain
* Responding to and adapting texts
* Effectively using a range of sentences structures and types
* Employing a wide range of vocabulary and punctuation accurately
* Proof-reading and self-correcting
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| Skills that will be developed:* Literacy and ICT skills
* Grammatical and proof-reading skills
* Creativity skills
* Making meaning and connections
* Personal reflection skills
* Independent learning skills
* Listening skills
* Interpersonal skills through debate, discussion and peer assessment
* Communication skills
* Evaluative and analytical skills
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| How the course will be assessed:Reading - Examination onlyCore paper - 1 hour 45 minutesExtended paper - 2 hoursWritingEITHER Coursework - 3 assignments of 500-800 wordsOR Examination - 2 hours |

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| To be successful:All students take this IGCSE. Some find the skills harder than others. For all students, a positive attitude and a willingness to keep trying will support their learning. In addition to this:* Read widely - absolutely anything will do
* Ask questions about what you are reading - What is the writer trying to achieve? How are they doing it?
* Read - websites, messages, film reviews, newspapers
* Write accurately in all your subjects - pay attention to sentences, punctuation and grammar
* Read - cereal packets, adverts, game reviews, phone deals
* When you are revising or reading for other subjects, summarise what you have learned
* Read - bus timetables, posters, signs, or even books!
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| Onward pathways:English IGCSE at C or above is a requirement for a huge number of career and training paths. As well as this, it will help you in all areas of further study or work. It is a requirement for onward study of English Language, English Literature or Media A Levels (grade B or above). |

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| Further information:Teachers in the English Department will be pleased to assist with any questions you may have.Further information from the Cambridge Examination Board can be found at:<http://www.cie.org.uk/images/163028-cambridge-learner-guide-for-igcse-first-language-english.pdf>  |