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 only  Core paper - 1 hour 45 minutes  Extended paper - 2 hours  Writing  EITHER Coursework - 3 assignments of 500-800 words  OR 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> |