



ENGLISH B

INTERNATIONAL
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WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB ENGLISH B?

Whilst English only has the 3rd highest number of native speakers out of all the world's languages, when combined with the huge number of people who speak it as a second language, English is comfortably the most widely spoken language in the world. The importance of the English language to international trade, business and the media is indisputable. With one of out of five people of the world's population being able to speak or understand English, it is the language of choice when two or more people from different countries must find a common language through which they communicate. With more than half the internet's content being written in English, the language is essential to navigating the virtual world too.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

All pupils will develop their communication skills to help them function effectively in an English-speaking environment. Pupils will learn to speak and write for different purposes, discussing topics relevant to the 21st century, from personal relationships to global problems. The course opens doors leading towards genuine understanding of authentic texts (spoken and written) and will help learners to communicate for real everyday purposes whilst travelling to or even living in an English-speaking country.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing are assessed equally. The speaking examination is run internally, focused on topics which have been studied in class. Other elements are assessed through two examinations at the end of the course.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

The course leads towards genuine communication in English. Beyond that, cultural awareness and collaborative skills are a natural by-product of language learning, alongside the development of perseverance and attention to detail. Other skills associated with language learning are improved memory, problem-solving, critical-thinking skills, concentration, multitasking, and better listening skills.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

A high level of proficiency in English means the doors of some of the most prestigious universities in the world are open to you. Additionally, effective English speakers could have the opportunity to follow successful career paths in some of the world's largest and most successful global organisations.



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