

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

### ENTRANCE EXAM SYLLABUS

The exam is designed following the requirements of the IGCSE exam in English as a Second language intended for students for whom English is not a first language/mother tongue but for whom it will be a language of study in the IB diploma programme.

The exam question paper is divided into two parts: Reading and Writing.

Reading task will consist of a number of texts and will examine students' ability to

- identify both stated and implied information,
- identify main ideas and supporting details,
- draw conclusions and recognize implied opinions and attitudes,
- identify some aspects of style,
- select and organise material relevant to specific purposes,
- give personal response.

Writing task will be to write a 250-word essay on a topic dealing with the following:

- education
- leisure
- nature and environmental problems
- youth culture
- health and fitness
- customs and traditions
- social relationships.

The essay will examine students' ability to

- provide information and ideas,
- develop ideas,
- express opinion effectively,
- communicate clearly, accurately and appropriately.

**Duration of the exam 1 hour 30 min.**