

# IB ENGLISH (HL) SUBJECT LETTER

## Course description and aims:

The IB DP language B-English course provides students with the opportunity to acquire English and to promote an understanding of other cultures through the study of language. Language B-English is designed for students who possess a degree of knowledge and experience in the target language.

The aims of the language B –English course are to:

1. develop students' intercultural understanding
2. enable students to understand and use the language they have studied in a range of contexts and for a variety of purposes
3. encourage, through the study of texts and social interaction, an awareness and appreciation of the different perspectives of people from other cultures
4. develop students' awareness of the role of language in relation to other areas of knowledge
5. develop students' awareness of the relationship between the languages and cultures with which they are familiar
6. provide students with a basis for further study, work and leisure through the use of English
7. provide the opportunity for enjoyment, creativity and intellectual stimulation through English

## Syllabus outline and content:

Instruction on five topics:

- Identities
- Experiences
- Human Ingenuity
- Social Organisation
- Sharing the Planet

Study of a minimum two literary texts

## Assessment Information:

### External:

- Paper 1: One writing exercise (450-600 words) from a choice of three (25%)
- Paper 2: Students' understanding of the three written texts and three listening passages (50%)

### Internal:

Individual Oral: Preparing a presentation on an excerpt from a set literary text followed by a discussion with the teacher based on the wider book and IB themes (25%)

Sources: [https://resources.ibo.org/data/d\\_2\\_ablan\\_gui\\_1802\\_3\\_e.pdf](https://resources.ibo.org/data/d_2_ablan_gui_1802_3_e.pdf)

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