

English Language

Introduction to Curriculum

English Language is one of the four core subjects in the three-year senior secondary curriculum. The overall aims of the English Language curriculum are:

- to provide every learner of English with further opportunities for extending their knowledge and experience of the cultures of other people as well as opportunities for personal and intellectual development, further studies, pleasure and work in the English medium; and
- to enable every learner to prepare for the changing socio-economic demands resulting from advances in information technology (IT) – demands which include the interpretation, use and production of texts for pleasure, study and work in the English medium.

Structure of Curriculum

Compulsory Part (75% of lesson time)	The learning of the four language skills, grammar, communicative functions, vocabulary and text-types.	
	Group	Module
Elective Part (25% of lesson time) (select 3 modules, at least 1 module from each group)	Language Arts	Learning English through Drama Learning English through Short Stories Learning English through Poems and Songs Learning English through Popular Culture
	Non-Language Arts	Learning English through Sports Communication Learning English through Debating Learning English through Social Issues Learning English through Workplace Communication

Introduction to Assessment

The assessment will consist of a public examination component and a School-based Assessment component:

Component		Weighting	Duration
Public examination	Paper 1 Reading	20%	1½ hours
	Paper 2 Writing	25%	2 hours
	Part A (<i>Short, guided task, about 200 words</i>)	10%	
	Part B (<i>Long, open-ended task, about 400 words</i>)	15%	
	Paper 3 Listening and Integrated Skills	30%	2 hours
	Paper 4 Speaking	10%	20 minutes
School-based Assessment		15%	
Part A (2 assessments: including both group discussion and individual presentation)		10%	
Part B (1 assessment: either group discussion or individual presentation based on the modules in the Elective Part of the curriculum)		5%	