

# FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

## ENTRANCE EXAM SYLLABUS

The exam is based on IGCSE First Language English syllabus and is designed following the format of the *Reading Passage* and *Directed Writing papers*. Students will have to answer **one** reading question and **one** directed writing question (*duration 1h 30m*)

Students will be required to demonstrate their ability to:

- read, with insight and engagement, making appropriate references to texts and developing and sustaining interpretations of them;
- distinguish between fact and opinion and evaluate how information is presented;
- follow an argument, identifying implications and recognising inconsistencies;
- select material appropriate to their purpose, collate material from different sources, and make cross-references;
- understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects, and comment on ways language varies and changes
- express what is thought, felt and imagined;
- order and present facts, ideas and opinions;
- use a range of appropriate vocabulary;
- use language and register appropriate to audience and context
- make accurate and effective use of paragraphs, grammatical structures, sentences, punctuation and spelling.

*(from GCSE English)*