

# *English Language & Literature*

## **Nature of Language A: Language and Literature**

*Language A: Language and Literature is the study of different texts and text types, and the many themes, symbols and devices that are used to create them. It focuses on engagement with culture and texts as a way to understand the world we live in. Most importantly it teaches students to ask questions of, and about, the texts that they encounter.*

## **Teaching Approach**

Students are expected to develop skills in several areas, including expression, textual analysis, perspective, stylistic devices, literary devices, construction of meaning, oral and written communication. Language and Literature introduces students to a range of texts from across different places and time periods, styles and genres, and the nature of the subject is such that students are encouraged to question and reflect. Students will usually have completed MYP English to MYP5 (Year 10) level, or similar, in order to undertake this course. They cover a range of topics including: translated works of writers, works from across different genres, literary analysis, intertextuality, interpretation, meaning, the creative process, author intentions to name just a few.

## **Where does it lead to?**

The *Language and Literature* course has been developed to highlight not only analytical and critical thinking, but to demonstrate to students the power of stories and the cultures in which they were formed. The IB HL or SL *Language and Literature* course can provide a pathway to tertiary education, particularly in the fields of arts and literature. There are a range of exciting careers that utilise learning in language and literature. These can include: communications, media, journalism, publishing and writing, teaching, advertising, marketing and public relations.