

Cambridge International Examinations: **IGCSE English as a Second Language**

Syllabus: 0510

A small proportion of international students whose first language is NOT English choose to follow this course in Years 10 and 11 instead of GCSE English and English Literature.

Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language is designed for students who already have a working knowledge of the language and who want to consolidate their understanding in order to progress in their academic or professional career. The qualification reflects the widespread use of English in education and commerce. The aim is to achieve a level of practical communication ideal for everyday use, which can also form the basis for further, more in-depth language study in Sixth Form and at University.

The aims of the course are to:

- 1 develop the ability to use English effectively for the purpose of practical communication;
- 2 form a sound base for the skills required for further study or employment using English as the medium;
- 3 develop an awareness of the nature of language and language-learning skills, along with skills of a more general application;
- 4 promote students' personal development.

There is no coursework component and students sit the following examinations in summer 2010:

- Reading and Writing Extended or Core level which is worth 70% of overall grade
- Listening Extended or Core, worth 30% of the overall grade
- Speaking, which is graded between 1 (high) and 5 (low)