



English Literature

International Baccalaureate

Languages in the IB Diploma

All students take two languages. You may study three if you wish. At Bedford, one is English in Group 1 and the other(s) in Group 2. This may be a modern language that you have studied previously (German A2 for German students) French, Spanish or German B or a modern language that you have not studied before (ab initio) or Latin.

Group 1 Language A1

All students at Bedford starting the IB Diploma in September 2003 will take English A1 at HL or SL.

The A1 programme is exciting and challenging. It aims to:

- Develop powers of expression.
- Encourage a personal approach to literature and develop an understanding of the techniques involved in literary study and criticism.
- Introduce students to literary classics and a range of modern writing of different genres, styles and contexts.
- Promote an international perspective through the comparative study of works from your own culture and other cultures.

So the course is international and comparative. HL students study fifteen texts and SL students study eleven. The texts will embrace a full range of genres, periods, settings and languages (read in translation).

Assessment is by written exams (50% of the marks) on prepared and unseen texts, two assignments at HL, one at SL, (20%) written during the course, each of 1000-1500 words and internally assessed oral commentary and individual presentation (30%).