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Advanced Programme English

Advanced Programme English is a two-year course which is administered by the IEB and carries A Level accreditation. It is an extra subject.

One of the major advantages of studying AP English is the positive impact it has on tertiary education. Candidates are encouraged to think for themselves, to justify and motivate their ideas, and to find links between very different texts. Many AP English candidates go on to study in the faculties of engineering, commerce, law or medicine, and benefit from the skills taught in AP English. The subject also carries obvious benefits for English Home Language.

Because the course carries A Level accreditation, it carries an advantage for pupils who are able to study overseas.

Candidates would begin pre-reading activities at the end of their Grade 10 year and commence the course at the start of Grade 11. Lessons are held outside of normal school hours. Contact sessions are generally two hours long, once a week.

The final examination is three hours long and includes three questions.

- Question 1: an intertextual analysis of four chosen texts. (for example: the novels, The Great Gatsby and Disgrace, and the films, Atonement and Riding in cars with boys.)
- Question 2: an essay on two schools of poetry. (for example: Modernist poets WH Auden and E E Cummings, and South African humanists Chris Mann and Ruth Miller)
- Question 3: a philosophical reflection on the candidate's own reading. 4 novels must be discussed.

Candidates will write abridged exams in Grade 11 and a full trial exam in Grade 12.

The course will be taught by Mr Andrew Renard, who has taught AP English at St Andrew's College and The Diocesan School for Girls since 2012 and has been a marker of the final exam during this time.

Matthew Ridgway
Principal