

IGCSE First Language English

2016 – 2017

What is IGCSE?

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- **First Language English (0500)**
- **Exam board: CIE**
- A one year course in 2nde only
- Summative assessment
- Graded from A* - G

Two compulsory units:

Reading (Paper 2) : 50% of overall grade, 2 hour exam on May 5th 2017, assessed externally
Candidates answer 3 questions based on 2 passages

Writing (Paper 3) : 50% of overall grade, 2 hour exam on May 10th 2017, assessed externally
Candidates answer one question on a passage(s) and one composition task from a choice of 4 titles

Optional Unit:

Speaking and Listening Test (component 5): separate certificate that does not count in the overall mark, graded from 1 – 5, assessed internally in March – April 2017

Who will take IGCSE?

- French Section students in 2nde
- Native speaking / bilingual students only
- Recommendation of English teacher based on language skills

Is there a textbook for students?

- **Collins Cambridge IGCSE English Student Book** (Revised edition) edited by Julia Burchell ISBN: 978-0007517053
- **Cambridge IGCSE First Language English Workbook** (fourth edition) by Marian Cox ISBN: 978-1107695771

Important dates for 2017:

- Registration in January
- Mock exams in January / February
- Orals in March / April
- Withdrawals deadline: April 21st
- Exams: May 5th and May 10th
- Results in August

Recognition of IGCSE post – Lycée

- Students must declare their IGCSE grade on all UCAS application forms
- IGCSE English First Language is widely recognised by UK universities
- **HOWEVER**, it is strongly advised that students check the specific requirements for each course by contacting the admissions office and checking the CIE website

<http://recognition.cie.org.uk/SearchRecognitionsResults.aspx?cnt=226&prv=&insme=&ins=HFE&CIGCSE=4&CIAS=&PreU=&CID=&PDQ=&GPR=&WQ=->

More information:

CIE <http://cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-first-language-0500/>

CIE <http://cie.org.uk/images/163028-learner-guide-for-cambridge-igcse-first-language-english-0500-.pdf>