

**Queen Margaret College**  
**Year 13 English B SL/HL Programme**  
**International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
Paper 1	25%	External	November 2019
Paper 2	25%	External	November 2019
Written Assignment	20%	External	Term 3, Week 2 2019
Individual Oral	20%	Internal	Sunday, 15 September 2019
Individual Interactive Oral	10%	Internal	Terms 1 - 3 2019

### Course details

The course is focused on language acquisition and the use of language in a range of contexts and for different purposes. We use authentic texts to develop an understanding of the English speaking world while consolidating reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students have the advantage of being fully immersed in an English speaking environment, in which they have daily exposure to a variety of rich language learning experiences. In English B we study the core topics of global issues, communication and media, and aspects of social relationships. In our option topics we will focus on the customs and traditions that belong to English speaking communities and compare them to other cultures that we know. We will also study the option topic of health. Our literary texts will be F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" as well as a collection of short stories by New Zealand writer Katherine Mansfield.

### Course Information

- In 2019 Year 13 English B is an option subject.

### Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. The key to language learning is 'little and often'. Homework might include:

- Learning a number of words, verbs or phrases.
- Completion of assignments started in class.
- Reading and grammar exercises to do or an essay to write.
- Creating revision material
- Reviewing the work completed during class time.
- Revision of vocabulary learned in class with [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com).
- Researching on the internet.
- Reading the works of literature.

**Students are likely to be charged for:**

A subscription to [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com) - \$30

A subscription to Mary Glasgow Magazine – approximately \$27