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| **Self-taught languages** | |
| **University Transcript** | **Self-taught langauge** |
| **Subject Group** | Group 1: Languagea and Literature **or**  Group 2: Language Aquisition |
| **Overview** | An opportunity for students to study a language at a level appropriate to them  **Who can take this course?**  - Native speakers who want to improve their language skills in preparation for the IB Self-Taught Languages course.  - Semi-native speakers who want to improve their language skills.  - Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced students of a language who want to improve their language skills.  - Any student who is passionate about learning their chosen language, has a coherent reason to be studying this language and is a self-motivated, independent learner. |
| **Future Learning** | This course can be a preparation for taking a self-taught language at IB level.  This course can help prepare you to be an independent language learner, a widely sought-after skill by employers and universities in an increasingly globalised world.  Studying your mother tongue will complement all areas of your education. Research has shown the many benefits of developingng and maintaining your mother tongue.  If you are learning a new langague it will enhance your langauge leabnig skills. |
| **Student Experiences** | **What languages have you had on this course before?**  - We can help you learn any language you choose, as we are an experienced team of language teachers who speak many languages between us. Even if we don't speak your language we can find resources for you and put you in contact with tutors/native speakers of the language you speak.  - In the past we have had: Hindi, Farsi, Tagalog, Korean, Japanese, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Welsh and Hebrew. We are always happy to add new languages to this list.  **I can speak a certain language well, but I can't read or write it, can you help me learn?**  - Yes, even if we don't personally know that language we can help you find suitable materials, motivate you to study and find native speakers to help you check your work.  **Can I get a tutor?**  - Yes, you can employ a tutor (at your own cost) to come into school at some point during Elements and teach you. We will find a room for you.  - In the past, in addition to professional tutors we have found free tuition for some languages in the form of Year 12 and 13 students who are willing to tutor you for free in a language they also speak.  - However, you do not have to have a tutor. As long as there is somebody, in school or out of school who can check your work such as a teacher or relative, then a tutor is not necessarily needed.  - It is definitely not needed if you are studying foreign language French or Spanish.  **I'm a complete beginner and want to learn a new language, how do I start?**  - You tell us what language you want to learn and we will set up a personalised programme for you using a wealth of materials we have in lots of different languages that we have collected over the years.  - You will be using online and printed resources.  - If there is another student in the class learning the same language you can work together.  **Why should I take this course?**  - Language skills are highly sought after by universities and employers.  - You will improve your communication skills.  - If this is your native language you will learn more about your own culture.  - If you are learning a foreign language you will be learning about a different culture and broadening your horizons.  - You will be in a very interesting, international classroom with students studying many different languages. This is an enriching experience.  - You will be motivated to achieve the personal goal you set yourself, be that learning to speak basic Vietnamese or learning how to read and write in your native Bengali. |