

Curricular Area: English

Course Title: English Higher

Course Description

The Higher English course enables students to develop increasingly sophisticated skills both in their literacy and in their ability to understand, analyse and evaluate texts. Students study a range of texts and develop high levels of analytical thinking and understanding of language.

Assessment

The Higher English course comprises two units which are internally assessed:

- Analysis and Evaluation- reading and listening activities
- Creation and Production- writing and talking activities

Students must pass these units in order to attain an overall course award. Failure to attain these units will result in withdrawal from exam presentation.

The external examination will consist of two papers:

- Paper 1: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation- read unseen passages and answer questions
- Paper 2: Critical Reading- students are asked to respond to literature they have studied in class. They will respond to questions on the set Scottish text and will write a critical essay on another text studied in class.

The Folio of Writing comprises the final component of the overall grade. This is created throughout the course of the year and is submitted to the SQA for external marking. Candidates must be successful in both internal and external assessments in order to gain an award at Higher.

Home Study Expectations

Higher English is a very demanding course that requires a significant commitment from students. In order to be successful students must devote a good deal of time to preparation for class and for assessment, as well as regular revision and preparation of folio writing pieces.