

Curricular Area: English

Course Title: English National 5

Course Description

The National 5 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

Internal Assessment:

The National 5 course includes the mandatory Spoken Language unit, which assesses students' speaking and listening skills. Students may also be presented for Analysis and Evaluation, Creation and Production or Literacy as appropriate.

External Assessment:

The external examination will consist of two papers:

- Paper 1: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation- read unseen passage(s) 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 National 5.

Home Study Expectations

National 5 English is a very challenging course that demands 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.