

English Higher

Award Received

Higher English

Successful completion of your S5 or S6 Higher English studies will allow you to attain the Higher English qualification.



Entry Level: What do I need to do it?

Whether or not you will be able to sit Higher English is dependent on your attainment and achievement at National 5 English. Please bear in mind that a pass at National 5 English does not automatically mean that you will be able to cope with the demands of Higher. Remember too, that there are various pathways towards your Higher English award, including the possibility of a two year Higher. Your English teacher is the best person to advise you on which route is best.

Course Content: What will I learn?

The Higher English course will continue to develop the **four key communication skills** of Reading, Writing, **Listening** and Talking. These skills are essential for learning, life and work.

Your analytical and evaluative skills will be developed through:

- The study of Literature – Drama, Prose and Poetry
- Textual Analysis of Set Texts
- Critical Listening
- Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation

Your skills in relation to Writing and Talking will be developed through:

- Performance Spoken Language component - Individual Presentation / Group Discussion
- Writing - Argumentative / Creative / Persuasive / Reflective.

Portfolio (Higher)

Worth 30% of your total English award, your Writing Portfolio will contain two essays of no more than 1300 words each.



Teaching Methods: What will I do?

Teaching methods will include:

- Class discussion
- Written tasks including research
- Group Work
- Group and Individual Presentations

Assessment: How will I be assessed?

Assessment is ongoing throughout the course and will cover the key areas / skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.

You will also sit a formal examination. The course assessment is made up of two papers, the Writing Portfolio and the mandatory Performance Spoken Language component.

Paper 1	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	90 minutes	30 marks
Paper 2	Critical Reading: Scottish Text	45 minutes	20 marks
Paper 2	Critical Reading: Critical Essay	45 minutes	20 marks
Portfolio	Two essays of no more than 1300 words each	Ongoing throughout course	30 marks
Performance – Spoken Language Unit	Individual Presentation or participation in Group Discussion	At a suitable time in the course	Achieved or Not Achieved

Home Study

You will be issued with regular home study. This work will allow you to reinforce your learning and further develop your skills. In order for you to achieve of your best in the final examination, it is essential that you are revising Literature notes and RUAE Steps and Strategies from the very beginning of the course – do not leave revision to the very last minute!

Progression in the Senior Phase

Your English teacher will be more than happy to advise you on how best to progress after you have achieved your Higher English award. Pathways may include Higher in another subject / Advanced Higher English / Higher Media.