

# English National 5



## Award Received

### National 5 English

Successful completion of your National 5 English studies will allow you to attain the National 5 English qualification. National 5 is graded A-D.

### Entry Level: What do I need to do it?

The level at which you study in S4 /5/6 will be decided based on previous attainment and achievement in English.

Your English teacher will help you to decide which level of study is the most appropriate for you.

### Course Content: What will I learn?



The National 5 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 Unit - Individual Presentation / Group Discussion
- Writing - Argumentative / Creative / Persuasive / Reflective.

### Portfolio (National 5)



Worth 30% of your total English award, your Writing Portfolio will contain two essays of no more than 1000 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, plus the Writing Portfolio and the mandatory Performance – Spoken Language unit.

Paper 1	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	60 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 1000 words each	Ongoing throughout course	30 marks
Performance Spoken Language Unit	Either Individual Presentation or participation in a Group Discussion Task	To be assessed at a suitable time within 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 RUAЕ 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 National 5 English award. Pathways may include National 5 in another subject / Higher English / National 5 or Higher Media.

## **An Additional Qualification**

During your National 5 English course, you will also sit assessments to attain your National 5 Literacy Award. Successful completion of your Writing Portfolio and your Performance Spoken Language Unit at National 5 English will count towards your Writing and Talking Literacy assessments for National 5 Literacy. You will sit separate National 5 Literacy Assessments for Listening and Reading. Successful completion of National 5 Literacy Assessments in Reading, Listening, Writing and Talking will see you gain your overall National 5 Literacy award.