

# Nationals Travel and Tourism: Guide for Parents and Carers



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This information sheet is to assist parents & carers in supporting young people with the Nationals Travel and Tourism course for Session 2018/19.

## Nationals Travel and Tourism Course Information

Nationals Travel and Tourism candidates attend classes for four periods per week. Pupils study four units throughout the year:

- Scotland
- Customer Services
- Employability
- UK and the Wider World

There is no exam for the National 4 and 5 Travel and Tourism course. Pupils will work to build up a portfolio for each of the four units of work.

Each unit has two or three outcomes. These outcomes are the same for both national 4 and national 5. The level worked at will be determined by the degree of quality and detail produced for each of the outcomes.

## Monitoring progress

For N5 and N4 pupils, candidates' progress will be assessed in a number of ways including:

- Class tasks
- Knowledge tests
- Homework tasks (these will usually be to complete pieces of work started in class)

The quality of work produced in class and for submission to portfolio will determine a pupils suitability for either N4 or N5.

Specific submission dates will be given by class teachers however should roughly follow the schedule below:

Aug	Scotland outcome 1	Jan	Employability O2 and 3
Sep	Scotland Outcome 2	Feb	UK and Wider
Oct	Customer Services O1	Mar	UK and Wider World O2
Nov	Customer Services O2 and 3	Apr	UK and Wider World O3
Dec	Employability O1		

## Homework, Supported Study and Revision

All candidates studying Nationals Travel and Tourism will have tasks they should be working on at home. The majority of homework will take the form of completing work set in class. These tasks will be issued by class teachers and details posted on Show My Homework. It is very important that pupils adhere to all deadlines set by class teachers.

Additional support for any pupil who requires it can be arranged with individual class teachers. Pupils may attend the department at lunch and/ or after school if they need more time to work on tasks or their portfolio.

The content of the Nationals Travel and Tourism course requires pupils to engage in consolidation work at home therefore there is an expectation that every pupil is spending at least one hour per week in preparation of completion of Units. This could take many forms including:

- Reading over class notes/ materials from Blogs
- Creating mind maps/ spider diagrams/ flash cards of classwork
- Carry out role play situations / try to gain confidence in verbal communication
- Working with a peer to create questions & answers on a key topic

**Pupils should not be listening to music, using mobile phones or watching television while revision activities are carried out.** This could impact on the effectiveness of revision activities.

## The Portfolio

All National 5 Travel and Tourism candidates must produce a portfolio of work covering all four Units.

This will require a considerable amount of a candidate's own time in order to:

- Carry out required reading and research appropriate to each Unit
- Increase levels of confidence in role play situations
- Be original and imaginative in the presentation of work (e.g. advertising leaflets and posters)

The portfolio must be complete by the end of April.

## Useful Resources

- <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/sjatourism/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/znbw2hv> (BBC Bitesize N5 Geography—Revision—the tourism section in this)



@stjoacss (Social Subjects Department Twitter)

### Other out of school activities which will benefit Nationals T&T pupils include:

- \* Watching travel films/ documentaries
- \* Visiting local library for reading/ research
- \* Gaining part time employment/ work experience
- \* Reading
- \* Talking to friends & family about travel and customer service