



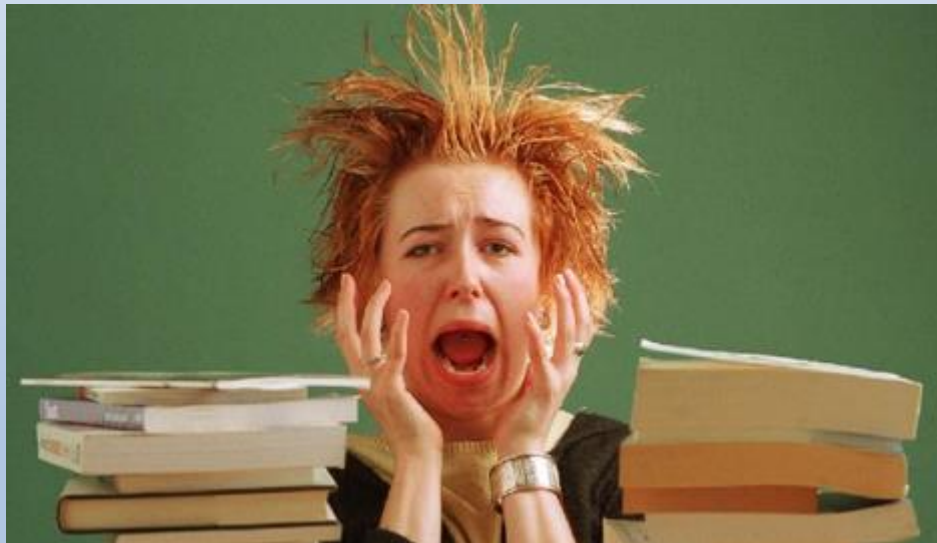
Oh what to do, what to dooo?

NATIONAL 5

Everything you want to know but are
afraid to ask!



ASSESSMENTS



Course Outline

- **In National 5 you will have to pass:**
- Spoken Language unit (talking and listening)
- submit a writing folio to the SQA
and
- sit an exam

- In N5, you **MUST** pass the prelim in order to sit the exam.

Internally assessed units

- **Spoken Language**
- **This is a combined talking and listening unit.
This is marked as *Achieved/ Not Achieved***

Folio of Writing (externally marked, 30%)

- **2 pieces of writing:**
- 1 x Creative piece (personal or imaginative)
- 1 x Discursive piece (your choice of topic)

- This will be submitted early March to the SQA to mark.

The EXAM! (2 papers, worth 70%)



- **Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation** (30 marks, 1 hour)
- **Critical Reading** (40 marks, 1 and a half hours)
- Section 1: Questions on 1 Scottish set text (20 marks)
- Section 2: 1 Critical essay (20 marks)



Section1- Scottish Set Texts

- We will study either **one novel** OR one play or **six short stories** OR **six poems** from the Scottish set list.
- You will also need to know these texts well- you'll answer questions on them in the exam. QUOTES will be needed.

Section 2 -Critical Essay

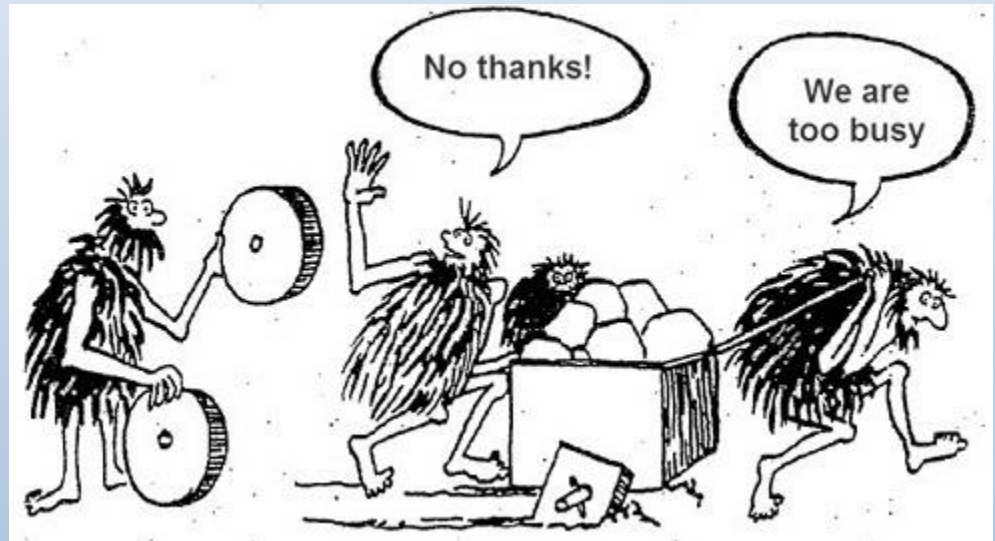
- The exam will ask you to write a critical essay on a text you have studied throughout the year- for example, Macbeth, Dulce et Decorum Est etc.
- You will not know what the question will focus on though! It could be characterisation, theme, setting... You need to know your text and your quotes very well!

Frequently asked questions

What will be covered in National 5?

You will study a number of texts in class from a range of genres and work on the following tasks :

- Close Reading
- Textual Analysis
- Critical Essays
- Personal Writing
- Short Stories
- Discursive Writing
- Solo Talk
- Group Discussion
- Critical Listening
- Sounds a lot but it won't be like the cartoon! What we work on in class **will** have a purpose and **will** benefit you.



Do you get to take the National 5 exam if you have failed the internal assessments?

- *There would be no point in sitting the exam if you have failed these, but you would have your National 4 qualification to fall back on.*
- *The Added Value Unit you completed in S3 will be vital to gaining a Nat4 qualification.*

Why are the courses for S3 and S4 changing?

- *“Scotland’s qualifications system is changing to meet the needs of learners in the 21st century and to reflect Curriculum for Excellence where children will be learning across different subject areas from the age of 3 to 18.”*

(www.educationscotland.gov.uk/thecurriculum/)

What is National 5 equivalent to?

- *National 5 is roughly equivalent to Credit in Standard Grade*

- **Do you have to be amazing at English?**
- *Of course!*
- **Will the exam be hard?**
- *Very!*
- **What is the hardest part of the course?**
- *The teacher!*



Support

- Supported Study/ Folio drop in sessions will run frequently throughout the term
- It is suggested that you attend these whenever you can- it makes a difference
- Folio- You have most of the year to create two written pieces. ***PUT THE EFFORT IN-*** you have more than enough time to create very good pieces of work. This counts for 30 of your marks.
- **ASK.** If there's a problem, or you need extra help- just ask your teacher!