



English

National 2 and National 3

AWARD RECEIVED:

- National 2 English and communication (Including National 2 Preparing for Literacy)
- National 3 English (including National 3 Literacy)



ENTRY LEVEL:

- S3 teachers will recommend an appropriate level of study for you.

COURSE CONTENT – What will I learn?

The English National 2 and 3 Courses aim to develop the ability of all young people to use and understand simple language. Both courses include the following units:

Understanding Language



You will develop your **READING** and **LISTENING** skills through the study of a wide variety of texts simple texts including poetry, prose and drama as well as a range of informative and media texts.

You will learn to identifying the main idea(s) and show awareness of language choice in both simple written and spoken texts.

Creation and Production

You will develop your **WRITING** and **TALKING** skills in a variety of contexts and for a variety of purposes (to express experience and imagination, to entertain, to inform, to explain, to persuade, to argue).

You will learn to produce simple written texts and participate actively in simple spoken activities.



TEACHING METHODS: What will I do?

Teachers will use a wide range of approaches to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills: whole class direct and interactive teaching; individual, paired and group activities; use of ICT; and use of the school's Learning Resource Centre will all be features of your learning experience. Your teachers will make your learning as active and fun as possible. As a result of your experiences, you will acquire transferable skills for learning, life and work.

ASSESSMENT: How will I be assessed?

You will do assessments in class and these will be marked by your teacher.

There is no end of course exam for National 2 or 3 English.
To achieve a National 2 or 3 qualification in English, you will need to pass all unit assessments.



You will be given homework to help consolidate your skills.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE:

- A National 2 pass could lead to National 3 in S5.
- A National 3 pass could lead to National 4 in S5.





English

National 4 and National 5

AWARD RECEIVED:

- National 4 English (including National 4 Literacy Unit)
- National 5 English (including National 5 Literacy Unit)



ENTRY LEVEL:

- All pupils study English in S4.

COURSE CONTENT – What will I learn?

The English National 4 and 5 Courses aim to develop the ability of all young people to use and understand language effectively, independently and with confidence. Both courses include the following units:

Analysis and Evaluation



You will develop your **READING** and **LISTENING** skills through the study of a wide variety of texts including poetry, prose and drama as well as a range of informative and media texts.

You will develop your close reading and critical essay writing skills. Close reading skills will be developed through study of non-fiction articles. You will also study poetry by Carol Ann Duffy and at least one other text e.g. *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

Creation and Production

You will develop your **WRITING** and **TALKING** skills in a variety of contexts and for a variety of purposes (to express experience and imagination, to entertain, to inform, to explain, to persuade, to argue).

You will plan and write at least one broadly creative (personal reflective or imaginative) and one broadly discursive (argumentative, persuasive, report) piece of writing.



TEACHING METHODS: What will I do?

Teachers will use a wide range of approaches to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills: whole class direct and interactive teaching; individual, paired and group activities; use of ICT; and use of the school's Learning Resource Centre will all be features of your learning experience. Your teachers will make your learning as active and fun as possible. As a result of your experiences, you will acquire transferable skills for learning, life and work.

ASSESSMENT: How will I be assessed?

	National 4	National 5
Added Value (a mandatory piece of course-work.)	The Added Value for National 4 is a project which will allow you to develop and demonstrate your ability to work independently to research and present, orally or in writing, a topic you have selected. It is assessed by your teacher.	The Added Value for National 5 is a portfolio of writing. You will work independently to identify ideas/topics, plan, research, draft and redraft your portfolio essays. One essay must be broadly creative and the other broadly discursive. These are completed over the course of the year and submitted to SQA for assessment. It is worth 20% of your final mark.
Exam	There is no end of course exam for National 4 English. To achieve a National 4 qualification in English, you will need to pass all unit assessments (including the Literacy Unit) and your Added Value Project.	There is an end of course exam for National 5 English. <i>Paper 1: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (1hr)</i> One unseen non-fiction text and 30 marks worth of close reading questions. Worth 30% of your final mark. <i>Paper 2: Critical Reading (1hr 30min)</i> <i>Section 1 - Scottish Set Text</i> Textual analysis questions on a poem previously studied in class. There are 20 marks worth of questions and it is 20% of your final grade. <i>Section 2 – Critical Essay</i> One critical essay from a choice of unseen questions on a text studied in class. This is marked out of 20 and worth 20% of the final grade.



You will be given regular homework for National 4 and 5 English. Extra study will also be required at assessment times.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE:

- A National 4 pass would lead to National 5 in S5.
- A National 5 pass would lead to Higher in S5.

