



# English



## COURSE CONTENT - What will I learn?

The **S2/3** course covers the Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes for English and literacy, focusing on talking and listening, writing, and reading. In S2/3 we will be focusing on third and fourth level.

### Talking and Listening



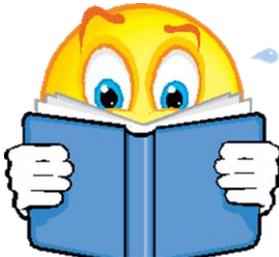
- Listening skills are developed and assessed through a range of tasks which include listening for information, note-taking, analysing and evaluating audio and media texts, and listening and responding to others in group discussion.
- Talk skills are fostered through classwork, presentations and formal group discussion and individual talk assessments.

### Writing

- You will have the opportunity to explore and create a variety of types of text: personal reflective, imaginative, and functional.



### Reading



- There will be many opportunities to explore a variety of texts\* in order to develop your understanding and your ability to analyse and evaluate.
- You will develop critical essay writing skills by producing at least two essays of this type.
- You will enjoy opportunities for personal reading and produce at least two book reports based on your choices over the course of the year.

\*The CfE definition of texts is very broad. You will study a rich variety of traditional texts including novels, short stories, poetry, plays, and films. Other texts such as advertisements, blogs, posters, graphic novels etc. may also be studied.

### Mini Elective

In addition to your core English course, there may be an opportunity S2 to choose from a selection of 'mini elective' courses which will allow you to develop your skills in an area of your choice. Options for this course in the past have included the following: Scots, Crime Fiction, Nature Writing, Journalism, War Poetry, Shakespeare, Science-fiction.



## 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.



### ASSESSMENT

Self, peer and teacher assessment will be used to ensure that you understand what is required and receive appropriate feedback on how to improve.

## HOMEWORK



You will have opportunities to consolidate and extend your skills through a variety of homework tasks. Along with completing work started in class, you will be expected to undertake such tasks as personal reading, completing research tasks, preparing presentations, and engaging with interactive resources via a variety of websites.

Homework will be communicated to you in class and through Show My Homework.

## PROGRESSION

Your S2/3 core experience in English is designed to prepare you for the demands of National Qualifications in S4 and to develop your skills for learning, life and work in a broader sense. All pupils continue to study English in S4 and most will go on to study National 4 or 5.

