



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gaelic (Learners)

National 4

Course information:

The aim of the course is to encourage communicative competence in Gaelic.

There are three units to be completed for the course:

- Understanding Language
- Using Language
- Added Value Unit

Pupils will develop the skills of **Listening and Talking** and **Reading and Writing** which will allow them to:

- **understand** written and spoken Gaelic within a range of specified contexts:
Society, Learning, Culture and Employability
- **apply and adapt** familiar language in written and spoken Gaelic to make themselves readily understood
- **carry out an assignment** demonstrating their ability to use the four language skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing



Assessment:

- This course will be formally assessed by teaching staff using resources provided by SQA in the skills of Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing. **There is one assessment for each skill.**
- In the Added Value Unit, all four skills will be assessed.
- There is no external assessment of this course and therefore no exam as part of the SQA diet.
- Regular formative assessment will continue.
- Listening and Talking will be assessed through role play/transactional tasks/group discussions and/or through conversations between pupil and teacher.
- Reading and Listening will be assessed through pupils' responses to written and spoken texts in Gaelic.
- Writing will be assessed regularly with pupils preparing a selection of pieces which may include simple reports, reviews and/or informative texts.

Progression Pathway:

- Pupils who attain National 4 may be able to advance to National 5. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with the Languages' Department.

Resources:

- Pupils have access to core vocabulary and notes in the form of booklets linked to a range of topic.
- Audio files to assist with the learning of vocabulary are also available online.
- Links to useful websites are shared with pupils.
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by online versions.
- Access to a range of websites allows up-to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. current stories in the news.
- The invaluable resources all around in the community i.e. speakers of the language.
- BBC Bitesize has been updated in line with National Courses.
- Valuable educational material available on www.bbc.co.uk/alba.
- Free access to Gaelic as is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the Gaelic television channel BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal.

Hints for success:

- Regular learning, revising and applying of key points of vocabulary and grammar is essential in order to make progress in any language.
- Regular completion of homework of all kinds is essential.
- Recognition of the invaluable resources available in the community i.e. speakers of the language.