



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

S1 – S3

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

Through learning Gaelic you will:

- develop your language skills
- encourage critical and creative thinking
- develop an awareness of the opportunities associated with Gaelic
- increase your understanding and enjoyment of Gaelic culture
- support your personal development and learn skills for work and leisure



Course Content:

- The course will be delivered through Talking, Listening, Reading (including Literature) and Writing. Some tasks will be inter-linked. For example, a Reading exercise may provide stimulus for a creative writing task.
- There will be an emphasis on the development of Talking skills in order to allow you to practise and enrich your Gaelic.
- Gaelic grammar and language rules will be studied and explored in relevant contexts.
- The balance between these skills will change at various stages. For example, there will more Writing activities as the course progresses.
- Regular homework is expected. Set homework task include finishing off class work and preparing for assessments. It is also expected that you will do voluntary homework, e.g. regular revision of grammar and vocabulary.
- Literature studied will include novels, short stories and poems.
- There will also be opportunities to undertake independent/group projects which will develop research and analysis skills.

Examples of Activities

Listening and Talking

- Conversing with your teacher, group tasks with your peers or role-playing
- Making notes from information heard
- Giving a presentation about a certain topic
- Summarising ideas when listening and talking with others

Reading

- Reading texts for enjoyment and for information
- Giving personal and critical responses to pieces of literature
- Answering different kinds of question based on a texts such as letters or articles
- Using information from existing texts to create new texts

Writing

- Creating an imaginative or a personal piece of writing
- Exploring or evaluating a topic and writing about it
- Ensuring accuracy in spelling and grammar



Resources

- You will have access to dictionaries in class. If you wish to purchase a Gaelic dictionary for use at home, you will be advised on the best one to buy.
- You are in the fortunate position of living in a Gaelic speaking community. This is a very valuable resource. You must make every effort to engage with fluent speakers. Unless you do this, your progress will be limited.
- You are also advised to access the excellent media resources such as BBC Alba, Radio nan Gàidheal and www.bbc.co.uk/alba. These are all highly beneficial to learners of Gaelic.

Progress

At the beginning of S1, pupils' experiences of Gaelic will vary. Do not worry about this as the course is designed to meet the needs of all pupils. At the end of S2, you will be asked to choose between Gaelic and German.

Your progress in Gaelic will be shown, for example, through:

- Gaining confidence in Talking and Listening
- Accessing and undertaking longer and more complicated texts and tasks in Listening and Reading
- Giving responses in Talking and Writing tasks which will be longer, more complex and more accurate
- Extending everyday and specialist vocabulary
- Increasing awareness of language rules and how they work
- Exploring a variety of Gaelic literature and personally responding to it



Assessment

- Assessment will focus on: Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing
- Your teacher will gather evidence for assessment as part of your day-to-day learning

- You will also be giving specific assessment tasks which will provide evidence of your progress. Tasks may include reading a Gaelic passage and showing your understanding by answering questions.