



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

Higher

Course information

- The course is delivered through Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing
- At this level, pupils must be able to speak and write in a coherent, accurate and appropriate manner.
- Pupils continue to develop their skills of analysis and evaluation of language in a variety of ways including the study of literature.
- It is of paramount importance that pupils engage with the community in which they live in order to develop their linguistic skills and further their awareness of the language and culture.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Candidates who are not going to sit the final exam may achieve individual units. These units are assessed internally and marked on a pass/fail basis.

Unit 1: Analysis and Evaluation

- One Reading assessment
- One Listening assessment

Unit 2: Creation and Production

- One Talking assessment
- One Writing assessment

There are **4** internal unit assessments in total.



Course Assessment -

120 marks

Paper 1: Reading and Literature

- 1 hour and 50 minutes
- 50 marks

Reading:

- Read a *Gaelic* text and answer questions in *Gaelic* - 30 marks
- Questions will require analysis and evaluation.
- The text may be fiction or non-fiction.

Literature:

- Answer one question about a previously seen piece of literature.

Paper 2: Listening

- Listen to a *Gaelic* text and answer questions in *Gaelic*.
- 40 minutes
- 20 marks

Talking Exam

- This is worth 30 marks in total
- Candidates will engage in a discussion on aspects of Gaelic heritage and contemporary culture.
- The discussion will last approximately 10 minutes.

Writing Assignment

- 20 marks
- Candidates must produce one piece of creative/discursive/personal writing (1200-1500 words) which will be submitted to SQA for marking. If the word count exceeds the maximum by more than 10%, a penalty will be applied.
- Candidates may produce one draft which can be marked by the teacher.

Resources:

- Pupils have access to core vocabulary and notes in form of booklets linked to a range of topics.
- Links to useful websites are shared with pupils. 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.
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by online versions

- The invaluable resources all around in the community i.e. speakers of the language.
- BBC Bitesize has been updated in line with the new Higher course.
- Free access to Gaelic as it is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the Gaelic television channel BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal.



Progression Pathway

- Pupils who achieve an A or B grade at Higher should be able to progress to Advanced Higher. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with a member of the department.