



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

National 3

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Course information:

The course is delivered through Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing activities and pupils are encouraged to speak and write in a coherent, accurate and appropriate manner.

The course will consist of three units:

- **Understanding Language.** The purpose of this unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop Listening and Reading skills in the contexts of Literature, Language, Media and Culture. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate simple texts.
- **Producing Language.** The purpose of this unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop Talking and Writing skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to produce simple texts in both oral and written forms.
- **Literacy.** The purpose of this unit is to develop learners' Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking skills in a variety of forms relevant for learning, life and work.

Assessment:

- This course will be formally assessed by teaching staff using resources provided by SQA. Reading and Listening skills will be assessed in the Understanding Language unit and Writing and Talking will be assessed in the Producing Language unit.
- There is no external assessment of this course and therefore no exam as part of the SQA diet.
- Regular formative assessment will take place.
- As regards the Literacy unit, learners will be required to provide evidence of all four skills using straightforward texts that are set in a functional/informational context. Learners will demonstrate their ability to express simple but detailed information accurately.

Internal Unit Assessments

These assessments are marked on a pass/fail basis.

Understanding Language

- One Reading assessment
- One Listening assessment

Producing Language

- One Talking assessment
- One Writing assessment

Progression Pathway:

Pupils who make good progress and demonstrate an ability to speak and write in a coherent and accurate manner may be able to advance to National 4.

Resources:

- A wide range of literary and non-literary texts are available in the department.
- Links to useful web-sites will be made available to pupils e.g. *an dileab.org.uk*
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by on-line versions.
- Direct access to a range of web-sites allows up-to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. items in the news.
- BBC Bitsize has been updated in line with the new National Courses.
- Valuable educational material is available on www.bbc.co.uk/alba
- Free access to Gaelic as it is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the Gaelic television channel BBC Alba and Rèidio nan Gàidheal.

Hints for success:

- Regular learning, revising and applying of key points of vocabulary and grammar is essential to making 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.

