



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

National 4

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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. Pupils are also given the opportunity to study and develop their understanding of Literature and Culture. Pupils are taught to analyse and evaluate language which is heard and written and this includes poetry, short stories and novels. It is considered important that pupils are given the opportunity to study a language, which is an integral part of the community in which they live, in order to develop their skills and appreciation of that language and culture.

The course will consist of four units:

- Analysis and Evaluation
- Creation and Production
- Literacy
- Added Value Unit

Assessment:

- This course will be formally assessed by teaching staff using resources provided by SQA. Reading and Listening skills will be assessed in the Analysis and Evaluation unit and Writing and Talking will be assessed in the Creation and Production unit. Successful progression in all these skills will additionally be measured in the Added Value 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 straight forward texts that are set in a functional/informational context. Learners will demonstrate their ability to express simple but detailed information accurately.

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 5. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progression with a member of the languages' department.

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.

