



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

National 5

Course information

The N5 course is delivered through **Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing** activities in addition to the study of **Literature**. Pupils are encouraged to speak and write in a coherent, accurate and appropriate manner and 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.

The course will consist of two sections:

- Analysis and Evaluation - In this section the focus is on developing Listening and Reading skills and includes the study of literature.
- Creation and Production - In this section the focus is on developing Talking and Writing skills.

There is also an external examination.

Assessment:

Performance in the key activities mentioned will be subject to continuous assessment throughout the year and performance will be judged against national standards. Pupils will undertake an external examination in May/June.



Assessment Summary

Course Assessment – 120 marks

Exam Paper 1: Reading and Literature

- 1 hour and 40 minutes
- 50 marks

Reading:

- Read a Gaelic text and answer questions in Gaelic – 30 marks

Literature:

- Answer one question about a previously seen piece of literature.
- 20 marks are available. Marks will be awarded for applying critical reading skills including analysis and evaluation of the chosen text. .

Exam Paper 2: Listening

- Listen to a Gaelic text and answer questions in Gaelic.
- 25 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.

Assignment – Writing

- Candidates must produce one piece of creative/discursive/personal writing (600-1000 words) which will be submitted to SQA for marking.
- 20 marks are available for this assessment.
- Candidates may produce a draft which can be marked by the teacher.

Candidates who are not going to sit the final exam may achieve individual units. These units are 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.

Progression Pathway:

Pupils who achieve an A or B grade at National 5 Level should be able to advance to Higher. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progression with a member of the department

Resources:

- A wide range of literary and non-literary texts are available in the department.
- 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.
- 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 Radio 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.