



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

National 5

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 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.

The course will consist of two units:

- Analysis and Evaluation
- Creation and Production

There is also an external examination.

Assessment:

Performance in the key activities mentioned will be subject to continuous assessment and will be internally assessed using externally produced materials. The performance will be judged against national standards. 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. In addition to the internal assessments mentioned above pupils must undertake an external examination. This examination takes the form of a Listening paper and a Reading and Writing paper where writing is assessed through the completion of a critical essay. Speaking will be assessed internally but will be subject to verification by SQA.



Assessment Summary

Internal Unit Assessment – 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 – 100 marks

Paper 1: Reading and Critical Writing

- 1 hour and 40 minutes
- 50 marks

Reading:

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

Critical Writing:

- Answer one question about a previously seen piece of literature.
- There are 10 marks available for applying critical reading skills and there are 10 marks available for writing skills.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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 Ràdio 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.