

## ENGLISH - HIGHER

### What are the aims of this course

- To build on skills in reading, writing, talking, listening & critical thinking.
- To develop in pupils an appreciation of literature.

### What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

- National 5

### What content is included in this course?

- Analysis and Evaluation (Unit 1)
- Creation and Production (Unit 2)
- Language skills
- Literature ( including Scottish Set Texts)
- Folio ( Creative and Functional Writing)

### What skills will I develop?

You will develop your language skills and critical appreciation of literature at a level beyond that already encountered in National 5. You will have greater opportunity to work independently, plan your work and meet challenging deadlines.

### What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

You will encounter the usual mixture of classroom practice in English: direct teaching; pair and group work; whole class discussion and independent research which will create a stimulating but challenging learning experience.

### How will I be assessed?

Each unit will be internally assessed and is comprised of two assessments. You will have two opportunities to pass each assessment. If you pass these you will sit an external exam consisting of two papers. Paper 1 is Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation based on an unseen passage. Paper 2 is Critical Reading: in Section A, pupils write about a text studied during the course and in Section B, pupils read an extract from one of the set Scottish texts and answer questions. There is also a folio of writing submitted to the SQA in March worth 30% of your final grade.

### What are the homework requirements?

You will be given homework on a weekly basis. This should take at least two hours of your time. However, on top of this, you must commit to spending time studying independently throughout the course.

### What are the possible progression routes?

- Advanced Higher
- Higher English is accepted by all universities and colleges as an entry requirement and is an essential requirement for many.

### Certification anticipated in:

Higher English is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 6.