

**GÀIDHLIG - HIGHER** (continuing from National 5 Gàidhlig)

**What are the aims of this course?**

Higher is designed to develop further your understanding of the language and your ability to use the language independently.

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

To continue into Higher you should have achieved National 5.

**What content is included in this course?**

As in National 4/5, the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are covered, but in greater detail, with grammar and sentence structure being given more emphasis. The course is largely literature-based, meaning, in practice, 20<sup>th</sup> century Gaelic short stories and poems. It is a fast-moving course and it is essential to prepare thoroughly for unit assessments and the final exam.

**What skills will I develop?**

Candidates will be expected to reach a much higher level of proficiency in the four components of reading, writing, listening and speaking. They should also understand that these components should strengthen each other. A deeper appreciation of Gaelic culture will enable them to place a text and its author in an appropriate context, as well as taking account of the intended readership / audience.

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

This course is mostly text-based but regularly employs some very useful on-line audio and video resources.

**How will I be assessed?**

You will be given regular feedback on your work. You will sit Unit Assessments in reading, listening, writing, and talking as the course progresses. You will sit a prelim exam which will help you check your progress. The Course Assessment will comprise a talking assessment and the final exam (critical reading and writing and a listening paper).