



## National 5 English

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

- Ø For entry to this course, a minimum of a pass at National 4 is required. However, automatic entry is not guaranteed unless teachers are agreed that a pupil is capable of sustaining both the intellectual rigour and the endeavour that is demanded by the National 5 course.

### What is included in this course?

- Ø The course provides the opportunity to develop a variety of critical responses to both fiction and non-fiction and to explore the ways in which language works to influence us. Not only is this a valuable grounding for life but it forms an essential qualification for most career paths.

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

- Ø A variety of learning and teaching approaches are used all focussed on enhancing your already existing skills in reading and writing, talking and listening.

### **How will I be assessed?**

#### **∅ External Assessment**

The examination in May involves two papers:

Paper 1 – a paper composed of comprehension and interpretation questions on an extract of non-fiction.

Paper 2 – a paper devoted to answering questions based on literature studied over the year. Only two questions must be answered so a pupil may select which texts to answer on. One question must address a Scottish text.

Writing Folios – Pupils must submit two written pieces of different genres. The folio makes up 30% of the overall mark.

### **What are the homework requirements?**

∅ You will be given a number of clear deadlines at the start of the course work, which should be completed at home. This is a rigorous course that will demand regular home study of at least two hours a week.

### **What are the possible progression routes?**

∅ Higher English