

**National 5 English**

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| **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?**Ø **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?**Ø  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?**Ø  Higher English  |