What will I study?

National level study in English is an exciting opportunity to begin to access texts which are increasingly sophisticated in nature at greater depth.

In Nationals 3 and 4, you will undertake a study of a range of written and media texts which will help you develop your understanding and communication skills, vital for the world we live in today. In National 5U, you will undertake the course units in preparation for sitting the exam the following year. In National 5, you will again study a range of texts which will enrich your view of the possibilities of the English language. As part of the course, you will study the work of at least one Scottish author.

What skills will I develop?

- Listening, talking, reading and writing:
- How to understand, analyse and evaluate texts, including Scottish texts, in the contexts of literature and media
- How to create and produce texts, as appropriate to purpose audience and context
- How to apply your knowledge and understanding of language

How will I be assessed?

National 5 pupils are assessed for talking and listening in school. They produce a folio and sit an exam which are both assessed externally.

National 5U pupils are assessed in school by the class teacher. They sit the RUAE element of the prelim.

National 3 and 4 units are assessed in school by your class teacher.



What can I go on and study in fifth and sixth year?

National 3 → National 4
National 4 → National 5U, 5
National 5 → Higher
Higher→ Advanced Higher

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