

ENGLISH

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Levels Available

The English courses offered are National 3, National 4, National 5, Communication (NC), Higher and Advanced Higher. Each course covers the three main areas of English:

- Understanding, Analysing and Evaluating Language.
- Creating and Producing Language.
- Literacy.

Purpose, Aims and Benefits of the Course

The course offers learners opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the course aims to enable learners to develop the ability to:

- Listen and talk, read, and write, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context.
- Understand, analyse and evaluate texts, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context.
- Create and produce texts, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context.
- Apply knowledge of language.

Progression Routes and Career Opportunities

National 3 > National 4 > National 5 > Communication (NC), Higher > Advanced Higher level. All courses are comprised of the same three key areas of English, but in an increasingly sophisticated way.

Skills in literacy and English are valued by almost all employers and good communication skills are high on their list of priorities when employing. English courses can lead to specific careers in areas such as: journalism, education, clerical work, publishing, media and television and the performing arts.

ENGLISH – COMMUNICATION



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Communication (NC)

Level Available: SCQF Level 6

Purpose, Aims and Benefits of the Course

- This course will allow students to understand, analyse, evaluate and use complex, formal English in a range of written and spoken forms.
- This course when combined with the Literature 1 unit is recognised as the equivalent of a C pass in Higher English and attainment at Level 6 Literacy.
- The course is suitable for S5/6 who have obtained a C or D at National 5. It is an opportunity for learners who may struggle with the full leap to the Higher English course.
- It is a stepping stone to Higher English in S6 or an exit point with extra attainment in English.

Pupils will:

- Develop skills in reading and listening.
- Plan, create and deliver detailed written texts.
- Build on skills in individual talk, give presentations and participate in group discussions.
- Develop skills in understanding, analysing and evaluating a wide variety of texts including newspapers, TED talks, film clips, TV debates and speeches.
- Study a range of literature – prose, poetry and drama.

Assessment:

- Attainment is measured by a series of assessments rather than a final exam. There are 9 assessments but some of these can be combined to reduce the number.
- Individual talk, presentations and group discussion are essential and assessed parts of the course.

ENGLISH – Advanced Higher

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Advanced Higher English

The Advanced Higher English course comprises of four elements.

- **Literary Study**
This element focusses on the study of multiple texts across the same genre – prose, drama or poetry. Students will learn to compare and contrast two or more texts in a critical essay form.
- **Textual Analysis**
In Textual Analysis students develop approaches to unseen texts in a genre of their choice.
- **Dissertation Project**
The Dissertation Project is the main coursework task. This involves students selecting one or more texts of their own choice to study and a thesis for which they will prepare a Dissertation
- **Portfolio**
In the same vein as Higher, students will prepare two portfolio pieces. In Advanced Higher students can produce two pieces in the same genre of writing.

Advanced Higher English is an opportunity to study a University level course - a fantastic foundation for anyone planning to attend Higher Education. The course runs in tutorial style discussions where students are given agency, responsibility and choice in their education.

MEDIA

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Levels Available

We currently offer the Media course at National 5 level. This course covers the Key Aspects of Media Literacy:

- Categories
- Narrative
- Language
- Representation
- Institution
- Audience
- Society.

Purpose, Aims and Benefits of the Course

The course offers learners opportunities to cover key aspects of:

- film and print media;
- advertising and the specific roles that media can play within society, as well as ways in which it can influence people;
- the practical side of media production – this will involve creating your own media text, e.g. film, advert, poster...

Progression Routes and Career Opportunities

National 5 > Higher. Both courses focus on the analysis of film, and also developing film-making skills; the Higher course does this in a more sophisticated way.

The film and media industry in Scotland is thriving and offers a wide range of employment opportunities. Media courses can lead to specific careers in areas such as: journalism, advertising and marketing, film and television production, editing, computer game design, graphic design, web design and public relations.