How To Pass : Nat 5 English

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4. Home Learning and Revision

Basics

- Attend all classes
- Catch-up when you are absent
- Full effort in class time
- Organised folders and digital resources
- Prioritise home learning
- Ask for help!

Coursework

- Folio Requirements:
- Portfolio essay – submitted to SQA for marking.
- One essay worth 30 marks.

Assistance with Folio Work

- Advice from SQA

It is acceptable for a teacher or lecturer to provide:

- an initial discussion with the candidate on the selection of a topic, theme, genre, leading to an outline plan
- written or oral feedback on one draft of writing

It is not acceptable for a teacher or lecturer to provide:

- model answers which are specific to a candidate's task
- specific advice on how to re-phrase wording
- key ideas, or a specific structure or plan
- corrections of errors in spelling and punctuation
- feedback on more than one draft of writing

Assistance from Parents/Guardians

- Parents or guardians could assist by discussing the choice of topic with the pupil.
- Discussing/questioning the range and validity of the points a pupil might make and asking questions about the issue.
- Encouraging pupils to edit and proofread their work.
- Reminding pupils to put final draft on template.

- SQA stipulates: "The portfolio is a final summative task and when a candidate begins the process of drafting their pieces of writing, this must be done under the supervision of the teacher. At this point, no other person can be involved in the discussion or review of the candidate's work."

Authenticity/Avoiding Plagiarism

- SQA: "The final responsibility rests with the pupils to confirm that the pieces are genuinely their own work."
- Pupils are asked to signed folio cover sheets confirming that the work they are submitting is entirely their own and that any sources/information they have used is clearly marked and credited at the end of their essays.
- Pupils are asked to bring in their research notes and essay plans. First drafts should be based on this research and teacher/pupil discussions.

- Template:
- A template for the folio essays is provided by the SQA and must be used. However, essays can be handwritten onto the template.
- Can be accessed online and essays cut and pasted onto the template.
- Essays can also be handwritten onto the template if computer access is not possible.

Deadlines for Folio Essays

- Deadlines for the folio essay will be given out by class teachers

Exam – Nat 5

Thursday, 12 May 22

Paper 1: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (RUAE)

Answering a series of questions on an unseen non-fiction article.

Paper 2: Critical Reading

Part 1: Scottish Set Text

- Answering questions based on a poem or extract from your set text.
- Comparison – 8 marks

Part 2 : Critical Evaluation of Literature (essay)

- Writing a full critical essay on a text you have studied

LEARNING AT HOME & EXAM PREPARATION

Recapping
Re-learning
Revision

Create Cue Cards for key information

Write up quotations and keywords

Stick them around the house – get the family involved

Set up a study timetable

Organise your time

Check things off your list

Recap
Re-learn
Revise

Set up an online quiz or snapchat questions on the Scottish Set Text or poem / novel / play

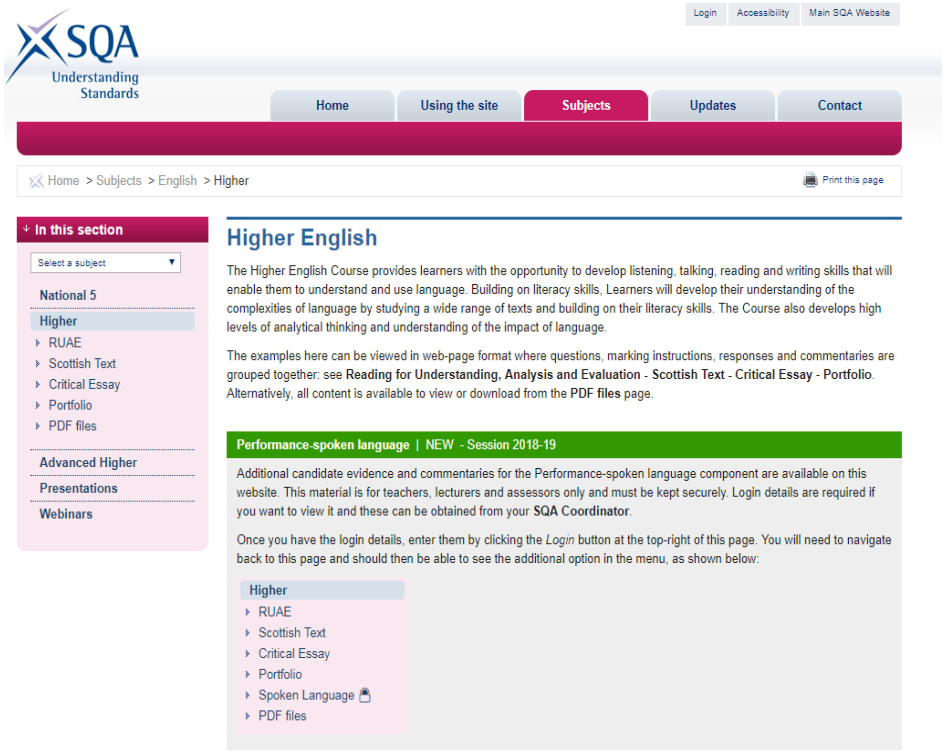
Create your own timeline for key events with images

Write up Post it notes of important themes

Create a visual Character Profile

Create questions to test yourself and friends

SQA online – a digital resource available to all



The SQA website is a repository for all the National Qualifications from Nat 4 upwards. It contains excellent resources, including:

- National 5 / Higher **past papers and mark schemes** from previous exams
- A breakdown of the components of each course – **RUAE, Scottish Text, Critical Essay, Portfolio**
- Past student's **examples of FOLIO** and marker's **comments.**
- **Audio and Video** files for National 5 exam paper – useful to hear and see what the exam looks like.

www.sqa.org.uk

Scholar – an online digital resource from Heriot Watt University designed for Scottish students – ***login needed is available from Teachers.***

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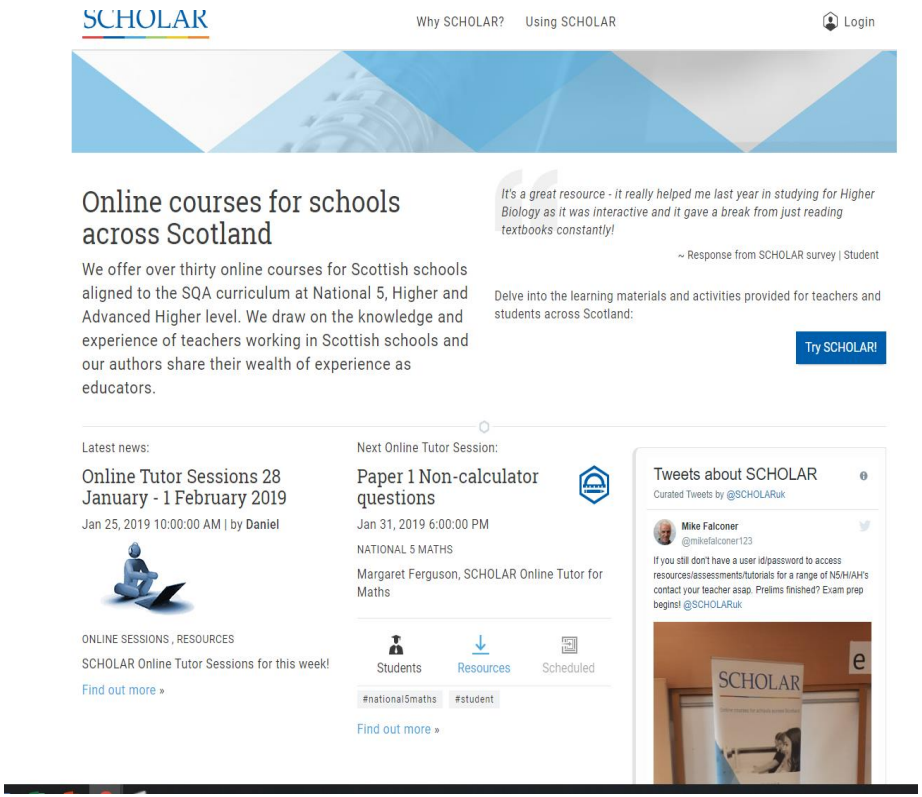

The Scholar website is a fantastic resource for ALL Nat 5 / Higher courses, especially English. It contains excellent resources, including:

- How to tackle RUAE question types
- How to approach Set Text questions / Critical Essay skills
- National 5 / Higher **core skills, inc THEME / CHARACTERISATION /IMAGERY / STRUCTURE, etc.**
- Interactive quizzes / audio and video files
- **It has real time online tutorials**

https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/

https://courses.scholar.hw.ac.uk/vle/scholar/session.controller?action=viewCourse&ID=2D7F736A-861D-DC04-C1B4-64D8CAEA8990

SCHOLAR

Online courses for schools across Scotland

My SCHOLAR > Higher English (PREVIEW) > Unit 2: Critical reading > Topic 1 Scottish Texts: Poetry >

Logout

1 Scottish Texts: Poetry

Advanced Search | Search this course | Text Size: A A A

General
- My SCHOLAR
- Reports
- Revision Planner

Resources
- Activities

Revision Today
- None

Information
- Online Tutor Sessions
- Technical Requirements
- Be safe on the internet

Show / Hide all sub-topics

- 1 Scottish Texts: Poetry
  - 1.1 Introduction
  - 1.2 Form and structure
  - 1.3 Theme
  - 1.4 Sound
  - 1.5 Imagery
  - 1.6 Word choice
  - 1.7 Sentence structure
  - 1.8 Learning points
  - 1.9 End of topic test

Assessment | Calculation | Case study | Discussion | Extra help
Interactivity | Paper-based | Practical | Programming | Reading
Video | Notebook | Internet | Listening | Extra study

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Google Classroom – an online digital resource we use here at DGS – ***student access code is available from the Teacher.***

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Google Classroom is an online way to share ideas, resources and feedback. It is a fantastic resource for and a useful tool for things such as:

- Sharing information, such as homework tasks, work completed that stood out, video resources, deadlines, etc
- Handing out questions and assignments
- Getting students to share their work and ideas
- Creating a bank of student resources and work
- Communicating

ENGLISH STUDY SUPPORT:
N5 & HIGHER

DAY & TIME	TEACHER & LEVEL
There are revision classes held every day –either lunchtime or afterschool. Some days there are both lunch and afterschool classes.	
Drop-in, ask for help, peace and quiet to write etc…	