

ENGLISH

National 3, 4 & 5

Introduction

All of the courses have the same overall goal which is to continue to develop the skills of reading, writing, talking and listening. The study of Literature will remain an important part of the courses and the language activities will allow pupils of varying abilities to engage in meaningful work with an appropriate level of challenge.

National 3 (3 UNITS)

Understanding Language

This part of the course allows learners to develop his or her listening and reading skills in everyday contexts. Learners will also develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate simple language through the study of language, literature and media.

Producing Language

Pupils will have an opportunity to develop talking and writing skills, also in everyday contexts. Learners will also develop the skills which will enable them to create and produce simple language in a written and spoken form.

Literacy

This unit will allow pupils to develop all four skills of reading, writing, talking and listening in forms which are relevant to the everyday uses of English.

There is no external assessment at National 3.

National 4 (4 UNITS)

English: Analysis and Evaluation

In this unit learners have the opportunity to develop listening and reading skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate simple but detailed language.

English: Creation and Production

In this unit learners have the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce simple but detailed language in both written and spoken form.

Literacy

In this unit learners have the opportunity to develop listening and talking, reading and writing skills in a variety of familiar forms relevant for learning, life and work. Learners will develop their skills to read, listen to and understand straightforward texts. Learners will also develop the ability to express simple but detailed information and ideas through talk and in writing which is technically accurate.

Added Value Unit: Assignment

The purpose of this Added Value Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to use their language skills to plan and research a chosen topic in a familiar context; learners are then given the opportunity to present their findings using their listening and talking skills.

There is no external assessment at National 4.

National 5 (2 UNITS)

English: Analysis and Evaluation

This unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop listening and reading skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate detailed language, through the study of a range of texts in language, literature and media contexts.

English: Creation and Production

This unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce detailed language in both written and oral form.

The external assessment has two papers:

- **Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation** (1 hour, 30 marks)
 - Close reading of an unseen factual text
- **Critical Reading** (1 hour 30 minutes, 40 marks)
 - Critical essay on a text studied in class
 - Analysis of an extract from a text studied in class.