

English

Higher

Recommended Entry Requirements

Pass at
National 5
English

an A or B in National 5 English is recommended to achieve success within one year

Progression through English

Advanced
Higher
English

This Course or its Units may provide progression to:

- degree programmes in business, drama, education, English, humanities, journalism, law, media, and social science
- careers in commerce and industry, education, journalism, law, marketing, media and politics

Course Content

Reading for Understanding, Analysis & Evaluation

Learners will build skills and confidence in applying their reading skills within the challenging context of unseen material and limited time.

Critical Reading

Learners will build skills in responding to previously studied texts, including at least one Scottish text from a prescribed list. Learners' responses to texts will be in the format of responding to a series of questions and completing a Critical Essay.

Portfolio of Writing

Learners will develop skills in writing for two different purposes: broadly creative and broadly discursive.

Skills Developed

The Higher English course offers learners the opportunity to develop and extend a wide range of skills with growing independence. The main aims of the course are to enable learners to develop the ability to:

- read, write, talk and listen in detailed and complex contexts
- understand, analyse and evaluate detailed and complex texts, in the contexts of literature and language
- create and produce written texts and spoken language through the application of knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language

Learners develop complex language skills allowing them to engage with complex ideas, opinions, and information and to increase their ability to learn with independence.

Assessment

Course Assessment

Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation:
external examination (30%)
Critical Essay: external examination (20%)
Scottish Set Text: external examination (20%)

Portfolio of Writing: Externally Assessed

The marks gained from this coursework make up 30% of the overall award.
Pupils submit one redrafted piece of writing, created under supervised conditions, according to SQA guidelines.

Spoken Language Assessment: Internally Assessed

This element, which can be achieved through an individual presentation or group discussion, is assessed on an achieved/not achieved basis. It is a compulsory requirement for a course award in Higher English.

Related Careers

English is needed for most jobs, including those you might not expect such as engineering and science.

English is particularly useful in industries such as creative and digital media, law and the public sector, including education.

English helps to build skills in communication, planning & organisation and attention to detail.

Careers using English include;
solicitor, teacher, journalist, social worker, paralegal, marketing manager, public relations officer, TV / radio producer and careers adviser.

Emma Watson, Stephen Fry and Martin Scorsese all have English degrees.

