

National 3 and National 4 English Course Overview

The N3/4 courses are made up of main sections, English: creation and Production, and English: Analysis and Evaluation. The national 4 course also has an additional assignment task.

The assessments completed as part of the national English qualifications also include qualifications in Literacy at these levels.

Section One: Analysis and Evaluation

This is made up of the following two assessments:

- Reading
- Listening

The above assessments will be carried out in class and are graded on a pass or fail basis only.

Section Two: Creation and Production

This is made up of the following two assessments

- Talk (either solo or in a group setting)
- Writing (a piece of functional writing of at least 300 words).
- The above assessments will be carried out in class and are graded on a pass or fail basis only.

Section 3 (Nat 4 only) assignment task: Added Value Unit.

Pupils will work on an assignment. They will research a chosen topic and write an informative report on their findings. This will assess reading, research, literacy and writing skills.

This assignment will be completed in class and will be graded on a pass or fail basis only.

Ways a mentor can help:

- Ensure students are maintaining their attendance in order to keep up with coursework and assessments completed in class. Encourage them to come to study support to catch up on work missed.
- To help with the reading assessment, you could encourage students to read a range of non-fiction texts.

Nat 3 Year Plan

	June/July	Aug/Oct	Oct/Dec	Jan/Feb	Feb/March	April/May
Nat 3	- Talk	- Reading for understanding, analysis and evaluation skills. - Reading Assessment	- Listening Skills - Listening assessment	- Writing assessment.	National 3 Media Units	- Study Leave

Example National 3 Assessment Schedule

Assessment	
22 nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SP Talk Complete
26 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SP Listening Complete
31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persuasive 1st Draft Complete
6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SP Reading Assessment
10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation and Production Complete
7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis and Evaluation Complete

***Complete** - to be completed in class by this date

Nat 4 Year Plan

	June/July	Aug/Oct	Oct/Dec	Jan/Feb	Feb/March	April/May
Nat 4	- Talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading for Understanding Analysis and Evaluation Skills - Reading Assessment - Listening Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Persuasive Techniques - Formal Tone - Letter formatting - Writing Assessment – Letter to an MP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Skills - Added Value Unit 	National 3 Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysing Media - Creation and Production 	- Study Leave

Example National 4 Assessment Schedule

Date	Assessment
22 nd August	• SP Talk Complete
26 th September	• SP Listening Complete
31 st October	• Persuasive (Writing) 1 st Draft Complete
6 th December	• SP Reading Assessment
10 th January	• Creation and Production Complete
7 th February	• Analysis and Evaluation Complete
6 th March	AVU Complete

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Complete - to be completed in class by this date

Nat 5 Year Plan

	June/July	Aug/Oct	Oct/Dec	Jan/Feb	Feb/March	April/May
Nat 5	- "Valentine"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Aug RUAE Assessment - Mid-Sept. "Valentine" - End Sept. "War Phot." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start Critical Essay Text - Pre-Hol. RUAE Assessment - Mid-Dec Critical Essay. - Begin. Nov. ST 3 - Begin. Nov. Discursive Draft complete - Begin Dec. Expressive Draft complete - End Dec. ST 4 - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Jan. - Prelim - Mid-Feb. All Portfolio 2nd Drafts - Interim Folio Mark - End Feb. 2nd Prelim - End Feb. ST 5 	- Mid-March ST 6	- Beg. April Exam Prac.

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NATIONAL 5 ENGLISH

Course Summary & Curriculum Plan for
National 5 English



National 5 English

Course Work:

2 folio pieces to be submitted to the English Dept

1 piece is a reflective piece of writing or a short story.

1 piece is a persuasive piece of writing.

Both folio pieces are worth 15 marks each.

Final submission date end of Feb/ start of March

In the final exam

Paper One: RUAE (reading for understanding, analysis and evaluation). This paper is worth 30 marks and pupils get an hour to complete this.

Paper Two: Critical reading. In this bit of the exam students need to do two different tasks. The first one is the answering questions on their Scottish set text. For our students, we have chosen to teach them 6 Carol Anne Duffy poems. The second half of the critical reading paper involves writing a critical essay about a chosen text. For our students this text is *Of Mice and Men*. This paper is worth 40 marks (20 marks per section) and students have an hour and a half in which to complete tasks.

Ideally students should spend 45 minutes each on each section of the Scottish set text. However, in the exam, they will not receive any time prompt to move on from one bit to another. As an attainment mentor, particularly near to the prelim and exam, discussing the time management of the exam would be a big help.

Main ways you can help:

- Be aware of our folio deadlines and support pupils in getting pieces in
- Go over the structure of the exam with the pupils
- Go over time management of the exam

Nat 5 Year Plan

	June/July	Aug/Oct	Oct/Dec	Jan/Feb	Feb/March	April/May
S2	- "Valentine"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Aug RUAE Assessment - Mid-Sept. "Valentine" - End Sept. "War Phot." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start Critical Essay Text (Of Mice and Men) - Pre-Hol. RUAE Assessment - Mid-Dec Critical Essay. - Begin. Nov. ST 3 - Begin. Nov. Discursive Draft complete - Begin Dec. Expressive Draft complete - End Dec. ST 4 - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Jan. - Prelim - Mid-Feb. All Portfolio 2nd Drafts - Interim Folio Mark - End Feb. 2nd Prelim - End Feb. ST 5 	- Mid-March ST 6	- Beg. April Exam Prac.

Example National 5 Assessment Schedule

Date	Assessment
22 nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RUAE 1 Assessment 1 Complete
22 nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SP Talk Complete
13 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 1 Complete
26 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 2 Complete
26 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N5 Literacy Listening Assessment Complete
11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RUAE Assessment 2 Complete
31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persuasive 1st Draft Complete
8 th November	Scottish Text Poem 3 Complete
29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflective 1st Draft Complete
6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Assessment
20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 4 Complete
20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N5 Literacy Reading Assessment Complete
10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation and Production Complete
20 th Jan - 5 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prelims
7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Folio 2nd Drafts Complete
28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N5 Exam Practice
13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N5 Folio Deadline
13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 6 Completed



HIGHER ENGLISH

Course Summary & Curriculum Plan for
Higher English



Higher English Overview

Course Work:

2 folio pieces to be submitted to the English Dept

1 piece is a reflective piece of writing or a short story.

1 piece is a persuasive piece of writing.

Both folio pieces are worth 15 marks each.

Final submission date end of Feb/ start of March

In the final exam

Paper One: RUAE (reading for understanding, analysis and evaluation). This paper is worth 30 marks and pupils get an hour and 30 mins to complete this.

Paper Two: Critical reading. In this bit of the exam students need to do two different tasks. The first one is answering questions on their Scottish set text. For our students, we have chosen to teach them 6 Carol Anne Duffy poems. The second half of the critical reading paper involves writing a critical essay about a chosen text. For our students this text is *The Great Gatsby*. This paper is worth 40 marks (20 marks per section) and students have an hour and a half in which to complete tasks.

Ideally students should spend 45 minutes each on each section of the Scottish set text. However, in the exam, they will not receive any time prompt to move on from one bit to another. As an attainment mentor, particularly near to the prelim and exam, discussing the time management of the exam would be a big help.

Main ways you can help:

- Be aware of our folio deadlines and support pupils in getting pieces in
- Go over the structure of the exam with the pupils
- Go over time management of the exam

Higher Year Plan

	June/July	Aug/Oct	Oct/Dec	Jan/Feb	Feb/March	April/May
Higher	- "Valentine"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Aug RUAE Assessment - Mid-Sept. "Valentine" - End Sept. "War Phot." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start Critical Essay Text (The Great Gatsby/The Crucible) - Pre-Hol. RUAE Assessment - Mid-Dec Critical Essay. - Begin. Nov. ST 3 - Begin. Nov. Discursive Draft complete - Begin Dec. Expressive Draft complete - End Dec. ST 4 - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Jan. - Prelim - Mid-Feb. All Portfolio 2nd Drafts - Interim Folio Mark - End Feb. 2nd Prelim - End Feb. ST 5 	- Mid-March ST 6	- Beg. April Exam Prac.

Example Higher Assessment Schedule

Date	Assessment
22 nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RUAE Assessment 1 Complete
22 nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk Complete
13 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 1 Complete
26 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 2 Complete
26 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher Literacy Listening Assessment Complete
11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RUAE Assessment 2 Complete
31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persuasive 1st Draft Complete
8 th November	Scottish Text Poem 3 Complete
29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflective 1st Draft Complete
6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher Literacy Reading Assessment
20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 4 Complete
20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy: Reading Complete
10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation and Production Complete
20 th Jan - 5 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prelims
7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Folio 2nd Drafts Complete
28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher Exam Practice
13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher Department Folio Deadline
13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scottish Text Poem 6 Complete