

# Advanced Higher English

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*Advanced Higher English provides learners with the opportunity to develop complex language skills which are essential for learning, life and work; and to develop their ability to interpret complex literary forms and to produce sophisticated language.*

*Advanced Higher English fosters an in depth appreciation, of complex and sophisticated language, and of a wide range of literature and texts in different genres. This enables learners to access their own cultural heritage and history, as well as the culture and history of others.*

*Learners have the opportunity to personalise their study; choices enable learners to encounter a wide range of texts in different genres and to produce sophisticated writing in chosen literary forms. Building on the four capacities, Advanced Higher English enables learners to communicate, be critical thinkers, develop cultural awareness, and be creative.*

## **Purpose and aims of the Course**

The main purpose of the Course is to provide learners with the opportunity to apply critical, analytical and evaluative skills to a wide range of complex and sophisticated texts from different genres.

Learners will develop sophisticated writing skills, responding to the way structure, form and language shape the overall meaning of texts.

The Course provides personalisation and choice for learners by allowing them to choose to develop skills in different types of writing, and by developing their awareness of the relationship between text and context in the analysis and evaluation of literary texts.

The Course aims to provide opportunities for learners to develop the ability to:

- ◆ critically analyse and evaluate a wide range of complex and sophisticated literary texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience
- ◆ apply critical, investigative and analytical skills to a literary topic of personal interest
- ◆ create a range of complex and sophisticated texts, as appropriate to different purposes and audiences

Learners will apply knowledge and understanding of complex language in a wide range of contexts and use creative and critical thinking to synthesise ideas and arguments. The Course also develops high levels of analytical thinking and understanding of the impact of language.

**The revised Advance Higher English Course will commence in August 2015.**