

Higher English (National 6)

The Higher English Course provides learners with the opportunity to develop the skills of listening, talking, reading and writing in order to understand and use language. Building on literacy skills, learners develop understanding of the complexities of language, including through the study of a wide range of texts, and develop high levels of analytical thinking and understanding of the impact of language.

Purposes and aims of the Course

The main purpose of the Course is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop the skills of listening, talking, reading and writing in order to understand and use language.

As learners develop their literacy skills, they will be able to process information more easily, apply knowledge of language in practical and relevant contexts, and gain confidence to undertake new and more challenging tasks in a variety of situations.

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The Course offers learners opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the Course aims to enable learners to develop the ability to:

- ◆ listen, talk, read and write, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- ◆ understand, analyse and evaluate texts, including Scottish texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience in the contexts of literature, language and media
- ◆ create and produce texts, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- ◆ apply knowledge and understanding of language

Course Structure

The Course is made up of two mandatory Units.

English: Analysis and Evaluation (Higher)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop listening and reading skills in the contexts of literature, language and media. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate detailed and complex texts.

English: Creation and Production (Higher)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in a wide range of contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce detailed and complex language in both written and oral forms.

Portfolio of Writing

Learners will produce a portfolio, comprising two pieces of writing; one creative and the other discursive.

The purpose of this portfolio is to assess learners' writing skills in different genres, and for a range of purposes and audiences.