

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Gaelic (Learners) National 4

**Gaelic
(LEARNERS)**
LANGUAGES

NATIONAL
4

2
UNITS

UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE

Receptive skills – listening and reading in contexts of society, learning, employability, culture

USING LANGUAGE

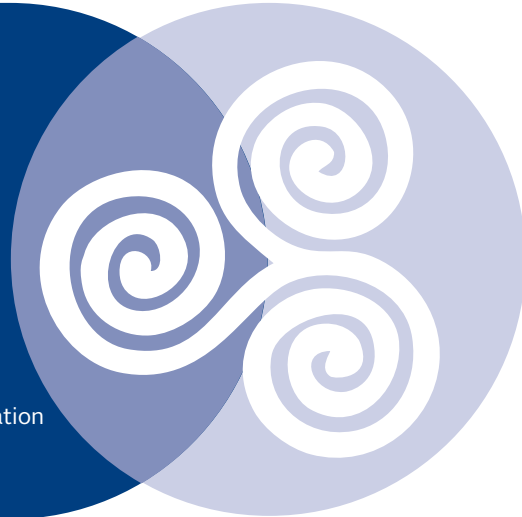
Productive skills – talking and writing in contexts of society, learning, employability, culture

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ADDED
VALUE
UNIT

ADDED VALUE UNIT: GAELIC (LEARNERS) ASSIGNMENT

What skills will my child develop?

- reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Gaelic
- knowledge of straightforward language required to understand and use Gaelic
- applying grammatical knowledge applying knowledge of a modern language
- plan, research and apply straightforward language skills
- the development of cultural awareness
- develop creative and critical thinking
- develop literacy skills and reflect on how this relates to English
- develop an understanding of how language works
- using different media effectively for learning and communication
- using straightforward language to communicate ideas and information
- explore the interconnected nature of languages
- dictionary skills



WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, setting targets, using feedback
- A blend of classroom approaches including group and class conversation, game-based learning, websites for Gaelic resources, interactive tasks using IT, video conferencing, audio recordings, role-play, film-making
- Collaborative learning: working with others in group or partner activities eg paired reading; links with the Gaelic community; songs, language games, signing, mime
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners will choose the topic for their Added Value Unit (Assignment)
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy skills: researching and presenting information; evaluating; discussing; listening; talking; reading; writing.

ASSESSMENT

- To gain National 4, learners must pass all Units
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Evidence of assessment of reading, listening, talking and writing will be required. A portfolio may be prepared
- The Assignment will require learners to investigate and report on a chosen topic with an oral presentation and questions.

National 4 progresses onto National 5



For more detailed course information:

SQA: Gaelic (Learners) National 4: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56914.html

Education Scotland: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/index.asp

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf



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