

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Gaelic (Learners) National 5

**Gaelic
(LEARNERS)**
LANGUAGES

NATIONAL
5

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

+
COURSE
ASSESSMENT

COURSE ASSESSMENT: TWO QUESTION PAPERS + PERFORMANCE

What skills will my child develop?

- reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Gaelic
- knowledge of language required to understand and use Gaelic
- applying grammatical knowledge applying knowledge of a modern language
- plan, research and apply detailed, more complex 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 detailed, more complex language to communicate ideas and information
- explore the interconnected nature of languages
- analysis and evaluation eg defining the purpose of a text
- 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 may choose their topic for their Performance
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy skills: researching and presenting information; evaluating; discussing; listening; talking; reading; writing.

ASSESSMENT

- To gain National 5, learners must pass all Units and the Course Assessment
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') could be digital or spoken presentations, discussions, extended writing, notes, multi-modal texts or podcasts. A portfolio to show progress through the units may be prepared
- The Course Assessment consists of two Question Papers (exams marked by the SQA), Paper 1 (reading and writing) and Paper 2 (listening). The Performance will require learners to research and deliver a presentation on a chosen topic followed by questions (internally assessed in accordance with SQA guidelines). The Course Assessment is graded A to D.

National 5 progresses onto Gaelic (Learners) Higher

For more detailed course information:

SQA: Gaelic (Learners) National 5: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56915.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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