

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Media National 4

MEDIA
LANGUAGES

NATIONAL
4

2
UNITS

ANALYSING MEDIA CONTENT
CREATING MEDIA CONTENT

+
ADDED
VALUE
UNIT

ADDED VALUE UNIT: MEDIA ASSIGNMENT

What skills will my child develop?

- the ability to analyse and create straightforward media content, appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- deeper knowledge of the role of media within society
- the ability to comment in more depth on media production processes
- knowledge of contextual factors, constraints and freedoms affecting producers of media content
- critical thinking about the media and its role in every day life
- an appreciation of and an ability to analyse media content in cultural and media contexts eg print, broadcast, web-based
- using different media effectively for learning and communication
- knowledge of key aspects of media (eg language, representation, audience)
- critical and creative thinking skills

WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, reflecting on learning, setting targets, critiques and using feedback
- A blend of classroom approaches including visits and real life contexts such as interviewing members of the community; filming outdoors; reporting real events; teamwork; whole class learning; discussion and debate
- Collaborative learning: in groups and with others locally, nationally and internationally using blogs as digital scrapbooks, wikis
- Space for personalisation and choice: as well as choices embedded in Units, learners may choose their Assignment topic
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy skills: researching, presenting and creating in a variety of media; evaluating; communicating.

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)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') will involve the completion of media production tasks or activities which may be evidenced in digital texts, presentations, moving image, discussions, extended writing, multi-modal notes or podcasts. A portfolio of work may be prepared
- The Added Value Unit (Assignment) will require learners to use their media skills to plan, create and evaluate a chosen topic.

National 4 progresses onto National 5



For more detailed course information:

SQA: Media National 4: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47408.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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