

## NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

**The National Parent Forum of Scotland National 5 Summary**

This course is suitable for Gàidhlig fluent speakers and learners who have experienced Gaelic medium education.

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# ESOL English for Speakers of Other Languages

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## What skills will my child develop?

- Skills in reading, listening, talking and writing in English
- The ability to understand and use English
- Applying knowledge of the English language
- Applying grammatical knowledge
- The ability to plan, research and apply detailed English language skills to familiar contexts
- Using English-language skills to research information and present findings
- Literacy skills
- An understanding of how language works
- An awareness of other cultures and international citizenship
- The ability to use detailed English to communicate ideas and information
- Analytical and evaluative skills



## WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, reflecting on learning, setting targets, evaluating progress, making independent decisions, using feedback
- A blend of classroom approaches including sharing learning through group and class discussion; relating learning to everyday life, work and study; using a variety of texts in different media
- Collaborative learning: communicating and working with others to complete tasks; embedding a multi-lingual culture
- Space for personalisation and choice: learning should be tailored to the needs of learners e.g. work-related topics or study-related topics
- Embedding literacy skills: researching and presenting information; evaluating; discussing; listening; talking; reading; writing.

## ASSESSMENT

- The course will be assessed through three question papers (exams) and a performance.
- The question papers include Listening (25 marks), Reading (53 marks) and Writing (30 marks), so learners can demonstrate these skills in the contexts of everyday life, work and study. The question papers are marked by SQA.
- The performance is worth 30 marks and requires learners to have a conversation in English, on a chosen topic, responding to relevant questions and comments. The performance is marked by the teacher and quality assured by SQA.
- As marks are scaled, the total assessment mark is made up as follows: Listening 20%, Reading 25%, Writing 25% and Performance 30%.

National 5 progresses onto Higher ESOL.

For more detailed course information:

SQA: ESOL National 5: [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47411.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47411.html)

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/CfEFactfileOverview.pdf>



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