

Supporting Your Learner

National 3 and 4

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Course Outline

Pupils studying National 3 or 4 English will follow a similar structure to the National 5 course where they will study literature (prose, poetry and drama) as well as the study of a Scottish text. Pupils are encouraged to respond to literature through discussion, and short and extended pieces of writing. Work is differentiated to support National 3 and 4 pupils.

The three units that will be assessed throughout National 3 and 4 English:

- Analysis and Evaluation (developing Reading and Listening skills)
- Creation and Production (developing Writing and Talking skills)

There is no formal examination for National 3 and 4 English however pupils will also be awarded for their development of Literacy skills. Pupils will develop the ability to understand straightforward ideas and information presented orally and in writing as well as the ability to communicate ideas and information orally and in writing with technical accuracy.



Added Value Unit

At National 3 and 4 levels there is no SQA examination. Pupils must complete unit assessments on each of the above units as well as complete an assignment (the Added Value Unit) which will be judged on a pass or fail basis. Pupils choose a topic in discussion with their teacher, then select relevant information from at least two straightforward texts; use straightforward language in a written or oral presentation; and respond appropriately to questions. All units must be completed before the end of the course if the SQA are to issue the qualification.

Useful Websites

The SQA has detailed information about the [National 3](#) and [National 4](#) course outline, assessments and Added Value Unit. There is also information about the internal units on the [BBC Bitesize](#) website.

Useful Textbooks

The [Hodder Gibson](#) website provides a specific text for National 4 pupils however the following websites may be useful for pupils looking to progress to the next stage in English:

- [Hodder Gibson](#)
- [Leckie and Leckie](#)
- [Bright Red Publishing](#)



Revision Classes

Revision classes are offered by Mr Bristow after school on Thursdays and are open to pupils sitting National 3, 4 and 5. There is also a drop-in on a Wednesday lunch time where pupils can speak to a member of the English department. Pupils are also always welcome to seek out either teacher for advice at lunch or at the start or end of the day

SQA Support

- [National 3](#)
- [National 4](#)
- [Literacy](#)

