**ENGLISH NATIONAL 5**

**CONTENT**

The English National 5 course aims to develop the ability of all young people to use and understand language effectively, independently and with confidence. There is an emphasis on the essential language skills associated with literacy and communication. The course includes the following mandatory units and assessments:

**INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS**

**Performance – Spoken Language.** The purpose of the Performance – Spoken Language internal assessment is to provide evidence of talking and listening skills. This unit is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. In this assessment candidates will:

♦  Take part in a group discussion, or discussion-based activity, to which they contribute relevant ideas, opinions, or information, using detailed language. Candidates must take account of the contributions of others and stay focused on the topic or task.

**EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS**

**FOLIO – 30%**: Over the course of the year, learners will produce a portfolio, comprising two pieces of writing: one broadly creative and the other broadly discursive (15 marks each). This is due for submission to the SQA in February.

**EXAM – 70%**

**Paper 1 Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation** (30 marks):

Questions on a detailed non-fiction text will require learners to demonstrate their understanding, analysis and evaluation skills.

**Paper 2 Critical Reading** (This paper has two Sections, each worth 20 marks)

**Section A: Critical Essay.** Learners will answer one question and will respond by writing an essay on a previously studied text.

**Section B: Scottish Texts.** Questions on an extract from a previously studied Scottish text will be answered by learners.

**HOMEWORK**

Pupils can expect an hour of English homework per week. This will allow personalised opportunities to independently consolidate Reading and Writing skills.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Students who achieve Level 4 in the Broad General Education or National 4 English will qualify for National 5.