



Roinn nan Cànan
Languages Department
Sprachabteilung

COURSE INFORMATION

Gàidhlig, National 5

The N5 course is delivered through **Listening, Talking, Reading** and **Writing** activities in addition to the study of **Literature**. Pupils are encouraged to speak and write in a coherent, accurate and appropriate manner and **it is of paramount importance that pupils engage with the community in which they live in order to develop their linguistic skills and further their awareness of the language and culture.**

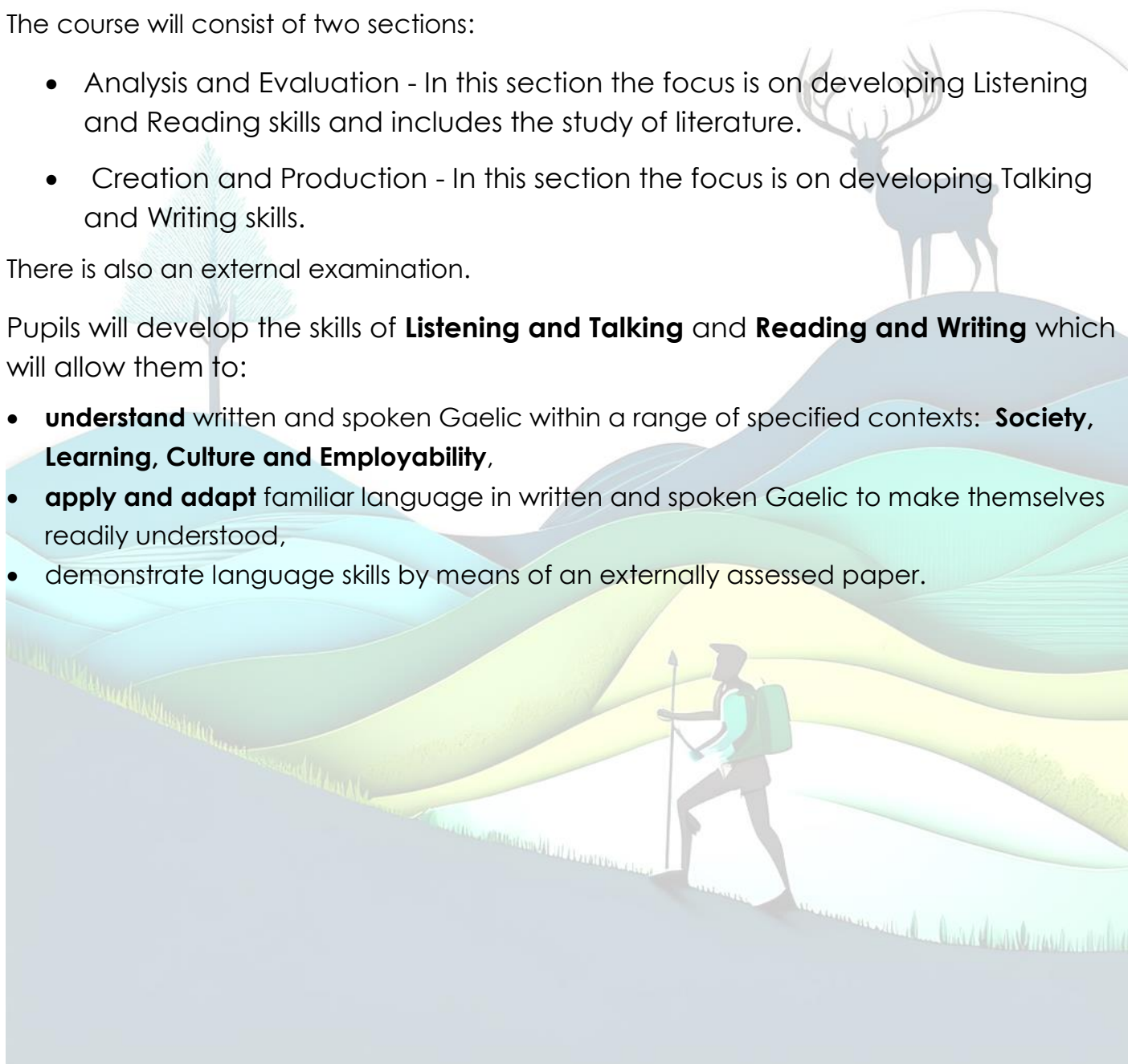
The course will consist of two sections:

- Analysis and Evaluation - In this section the focus is on developing Listening and Reading skills and includes the study of literature.
- Creation and Production - In this section the focus is on developing Talking and Writing skills.

There is also an external examination.

Pupils will develop the skills of **Listening and Talking** and **Reading and Writing** which will allow them to:

- **understand** written and spoken Gaelic within a range of specified contexts: **Society, Learning, Culture and Employability**,
- **apply and adapt** familiar language in written and spoken Gaelic to make themselves readily understood,
- demonstrate language skills by means of an externally assessed paper.



Assessment

Performance in the key activities mentioned will be subject to continuous assessment throughout the year and performance will be judged against national standards. Pupils will undertake an external examination in May/June.

Assessment Summary

Course Assessment (Exam) – 120 marks

(2 Exams – totalling 70 marks)

Paper 1: Reading and Literature *[1 hour and 40 minutes, 50 marks]*

Reading:

- Read a factual passage and answer questions in Gaelic - 30 marks

Literature:

- Answer one question about a previously seen piece of literature.
- 20 marks are available. Marks will be awarded for applying critical reading skills including analysis and evaluation of the chosen text.

Paper 2: Listening *[25 minutes, 20 marks]*

Listening:

- Listen to a Gaelic text and answer questions in Gaelic.

Talking Exam – *30 marks*

- Candidates will engage in a discussion on for 6 - 8 minutes about a topic they have researched.

Assignment – Writing – *20 marks*

- Candidates must produce one piece of creative/discursive/personal writing (600-1000 words) which will be submitted to SQA for marking.
- Candidates may produce a draft which can be marked by the teacher.

Candidates who are not going to sit the final exam may achieve individual units. These units are marked on a pass/fail basis. *There are four internal unit assessments in total.*

Analysis and Evaluation

- One Reading Assessment
- One Listening Assessment

Creation and Production

- One Writing Assessment
- One Talking Assessment

Progression Pathway:

Pupils who attain a National 5 award at Grade A or B should be able to advance to Higher. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with the Languages' Department.

Resources:

- A wide range of literary and non-literary texts are available in the department.
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by on-line versions.
- Direct access to a range of web-sites allows up -to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. items in the news.
- Valuable educational material is available on www.bbc.co.uk/alba
- Free access to Gaelic as it is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the Gaelic television channel BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal.
- Links to useful websites are shared with pupils. Such as [LearnGaelic](#)

Hints for success:

- Regular learning, revising and applying of key points of vocabulary and grammar is essential in order to make progress in any language.
- Regular completion of homework of all kinds is essential.
- Recognition of the invaluable resources available in the community i.e. speakers of the language.