

## 5.2 Description of S4 Courses

### Subject Guide

There now follows a description of the courses on offer at National 3, National 4 and National 5.

### English

#### Courses Available

National 3 and 4	✓
National 5	✓

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Course Descriptor	The main purpose of these courses is to provide learners with opportunities to further develop the skills of reading, writing, talking and listening, in order to better understand and use language. Building on these skills, the course develops an appreciation of language, including through the study of literature.
Entry requirements	Entry to these courses is based on performance in third year
Course content	<p><b>Analysis and Evaluation Unit</b> Understand, analyse and evaluate straightforward texts. Understand, analyse and evaluate straightforward spoken language.</p> <p><b>Creation and Production Unit</b> Create and produce straightforward written texts. Take part in straightforward spoken interactions.</p> <p><b>Literacy Unit</b> Read, Listen to, Write and Talk in straightforward language.</p> <p><b>Added Value Unit (National 4 only)</b> Apply language skills to investigate a chosen topic.</p>
Assessment	There will be a series of tests and assignments in Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening.
Future options	Very good performance at National 4 may lead to National 5.
<b>National 5</b>	
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Entry requirements	Entry to this course is based on very good performance in third year
Course content	The course consists of the study of novels, drama and poetry; the development of close reading skills based on shorter passages; the development of reflective and discursive writing skills; the development of talking and listening skills.
Assessment	There will be a series of tests and assignments in Reading and Writing. An Individual Talk must be prepared and passed in order to sit the exam: Portfolio of Writing 30% Close Reading Exam 30% Literature Exam 40%
Future options	A good pass at National 5 may lead to Higher.