

Elgin High School English Department

Higher English

Homework, Assessment and Progression Policy 2018-2019

Homework policy 2018-19

- As part of the Higher course, students must develop their reading and writing skills, which are assessed in the Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (RUAЕ) paper 1, the Critical Reading paper 2 and the writing folio that is externally assessed.
- To ensure students are adequately prepared, the department will issue all candidates with a fortnightly homework. They will be expected to complete this in a homework jotter and will be given study materials to help them complete each homework exercise. All homework exercises will be available on Show My Homework, in addition to the paper copy they will be supplied with in class.
- Every 2nd Thursday in English (period 7) will be completely devoted to going over homework exercises. The class teacher will mark homework in advance and will go over the answers with the class before issuing the next homework.
- The class teacher will collate students' homework marks. This data will be available to the Guidance department and parents. It will also help to determine if students are progressing sufficiently to sit the exam in 2019

The dates for homework are as follows:

	Date of issue	Date of submission
Homework 1 – RUAЕ	Thursday 14 th June	Thursday 21 st June
Homework 2 – First draft of folio piece (creative/personal)	Thursday 16 th August	Thursday 23 rd August
Homework 3 – RUAЕ	Thursday 6 th September	Thursday 13 th September
Homework 4 – RUAЕ	Thursday 20 th September	Thursday 27 th September
Homework 5 - RUAЕ	Thursday 4 th October	Thursday 25 th October

Homework 6 – First draft of discursive folio piece	Thursday 1 st November	Thursday 8 th November
Homework 7 - Critical Reading Scottish text questions	Thursday 15 th November	Thursday 22 nd November
Homework 8 – RUAЕ	Thursday 29 th November	Thursday 6 th December
Homework 9 – RUAЕ	Thursday 13 th December	Thursday 20 th December
Homework 10 – Critical Reading - essay	Wednesday 6 th February	Thursday 14 th February
Homework 11 – 2 nd draft of personal/creative folio piece	Thursday 21 st February	Thursday 28 th February
Homework 12 - 2 nd draft of discursive folio piece	Thursday 7 th March	Thursday 14 th March
Homework 13 – Final draft of both folio pieces	Thursday 21 st March	Thursday 28 th March

- Students will be expected to be proactive in their homework attempts. If they are absent at any point, or have missed class for any reason, they will be expected to approach the teacher to ask for materials, or check Show My Homework. Students have a week to complete each homework. If they are unsure of how to do certain questions, it is also their responsibility to ask the teacher for help prior to the submission date.

Late or no submission of homework

- If homework is not submitted on time, students will be issued a demerit. If homework is handed in the following day, no further action will be taken and homework will be marked as normal. If, however, the homework is still outstanding after one day, students will be issued with a lunchtime detention on a Monday. If students do not attend lunchtime detention, they will be referred to senior management for an after-school detention.

Assessment policy in Higher and final exam

- The department will issue students with **six** timed assessments under exam conditions to gauge student progress over the course of the year. Dates have been made available to students and parents, as below:

Timed assessment 1 – RUAЕ	Monday 10 th September
Timed assessment 2 – RUAЕ	Monday 22 nd October
Timed assessment 3 – RUAЕ	Monday 19 th November
Timed assessment 4 – Critical Reading	Monday 17 th December
Timed assessment 5 – RUAЕ	Monday 25 th March
Timed assessment 6 – Critical Reading	Monday 22 nd April

- All students must attend these assessments unless they have a medical note, as per SQA policy. If there is no good reason for non-attendance given, students will be recorded as failing the assessment.
- If students show they are making suitable progress in these timed assessments throughout the year, in addition to their homework exercises and January prelim results, they will be presented at Higher in 2019.
- If a student has not made satisfactory progress in their class assessments, homework exercises and prelim then the department will issue a letter to parents and carers recommending that the student should not be presented for Higher in 2019 and they will complete Higher units only.

Progression from Higher

If students have worked well throughout their Higher course, and obtain an A or a B, they can progress to Advanced Higher English. Students with a C at Higher can retake the course or study National 5 Media.