

# Elgin High School English Department

## Higher English

### Homework, Assessment and Progression Policy 2017-2018

#### **Progression to Higher**

We recommend that students who obtain an A or B at National 5 will be ready to progress on to Higher. There will be some occasions where pupils will want to re-take the course to improve upon their existing grade: this will be a suitable option for anyone with a D grade or above. If students obtain a no award, we would not normally recommend that they re-sit the course.

#### **Homework policy 2017**

As part of the Higher course, students have to develop their reading skills, which are assessed at the end of the year in the Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation paper 2 of the exam (RUAE). To ensure students are adequately prepared, the department will issue all candidates with fortnightly language homework. All homework exercises will be available on Show My Homework, in addition to the paper copy they will be supplied with in class.

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. If students are unsure of how to do any homework, 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 the following Tuesday lunchtime. If students do not attend lunchtime detention, they will be referred to senior management for an after school detention.

#### **Assessment in Higher and final exam**

Students will have to complete unit assessments in reading, writing, talking and listening throughout the year. Class teachers will decide the dates of these assessments and share the dates with the students in advance

If students show they are making suitable progress in their language homework exercises and unit assessments throughout the year, they will be presented at Higher in 2018. If a pupil has not made satisfactory progress in their unit assessments and homework exercises then the department will recommend that the pupil should be withdrawn from the exam in 2018.

Students will be expected to submit two pieces of writing for the externally assessed writing folio by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Progression from Higher**

If students obtain an A-C at Higher, they can progress to Advanced Higher English. They may instead wish to study National 5 Literacy or National 4/5 Media as an alternative within the department.