

## Elgin High School English Department

### National 5 English

# Homework, Assessment and Progression Policy 2018-2019

#### Homework policy 2018-19

- As part of the National 5 course, students must develop their reading and writing skills, which are assessed in the Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (RUAE) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in English (period 6) 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:

	<b>Date of issue</b>	<b>Date of submission</b>
Homework 1 – RUAE	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Homework 2 – First draft of folio piece (creative/personal)	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Homework 3 – RUAE	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 21 <sup>th</sup> August
Homework 4 – RUAE	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Homework 5 - RUAE	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 18 <sup>st</sup> September

Homework 6 – First draft of discursive folio piece	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Homework 7 - Critical Reading Scottish text questions	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Homework 8 – RUAE	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Homework 9 – RUAE	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Homework 10– Critical Reading - essay	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Homework 11 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of personal/creative folio piece	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Homework 12 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of discursive folio piece	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Homework 13 – Final draft of both folio pieces	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday. If students do not attend lunchtime detention, they will be referred to senior management for an after-school detention.

#### **Assessment in National 5 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 - RUAE	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Timed assessment 2 – RUAE	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Timed assessment 3 - RUAE	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Timed assessment 4 – Critical Reading	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Timed Assessment 5 – RUAE	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Timed Assessment 6 – Critical Reading	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 National 5 in 2019.
- If a pupil 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 National 5 in 2019.
- Students who aren't progressing at National 5 will be moved to Mrs Petrie's National 4 class where they will complete their National 4 unit assessments instead.

### **Progression from National 5**

If students have worked well throughout their National 5 course, and obtain an A or a B, they can progress to Higher English. Students with a C at National 5 should progress to Literature 1 and Communication, units that are considered by some further education establishments to be equivalent to a Higher English at C level. Students who obtain a D or lower at National 5 will be recommended to take the course again or study National 5 units only or National 4/5 Media.