

Elgin High School English Department

National 5 English

Homework, Assessment and Progression Policy 2017-2018

Homework policy 2017

As part of the National 5 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 a fortnightly RUAE homework. They will be expected to complete this in a specific RUAE 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 will be devoted to RUAE. The class teacher will mark homework prior to the fortnightly RUAE period, where they will go over the answers with the class, and then issue a new passage.

The homework dates are as follows:

	Date of issue	Date of submission
Homework 1 –	Thursday 8 th June	Thursday 15 th June
Homework 2	Thursday 17 th August	Thursday 24 th August
Homework 3	Thursday 31 st August	Thursday 7 th September
Homework 4	Thursday 14 th September	Thursday 21 st September
Homework 5	Thursday 28 th September	Thursday 5 th October
Homework 6	Thursday 26 th October	Thursday 2 nd November
Homework 7	Thursday 9 th November	Monday 20 th November
Homework 8	Thursday 23 rd November	Thursday 30 th November
Homework 9	Thursday 7 th December	Thursday 14 th December
	No homework to be issued over Xmas holidays - going over last homework only	
Homework 10	Thursday 15 th February	Thursday 22 nd February
Homework 11	Thursday 1 st March	Thursday 8 th March
Homework 12	Thursday 15 th March	Thursday 22 nd 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 the following Tuesday. 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 four timed RUAE assessments under exam conditions to gauge student progress over the course of the year, and allow students to identify next steps. Dates will be made available to students and parents, as below:

RUAE timed practice 1	Wednesday 6 th September
RUAE timed practice 2	Wednesday 25 th October
RUAE timed practice 3	Wednesday 22 th November
RUAE timed practice 4	Wednesday 10 th January

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 RUAE assessments throughout the year, in addition to their homework exercises, prelim results and satisfactory performance in a class listening and talking assessment, they will be presented at National 5 in 2018. If a student has not made satisfactory progress in these areas then the department will recommend that the student should not be presented for National 5 in 2018 and they will complete National 4 unit assessments instead.

Students will be expected to submit two pieces of writing for the writing folio by Friday 2nd March 2018.

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 or lower at National 5 will either be recommended to improve their National 5 grade, or will be encouraged to study National 5 Literacy or National 4/5 Media as an alternative to Higher.