

# Gaelic (Learners)

## Nat 5

## Higher



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"It allows people like me in places where there isn't the opportunity to study Gaelic to learn it."



"There are definitely benefits to learning Gaelic online with e-Sgoil."

"After the first lesson, I came out of the class grinning. It was amazing and I've really enjoyed every lesson since!"

- **Study Gaelic (Learners) at National 5 or Higher level through e-Sgoil.**
- **5 taught periods per week.**
- **Available from June 2020 to all S4-S6 pupils in Scottish schools.**
- **No cost to schools or pupils!**

## Frequently Asked Questions

- What is e-Sgoil?
  - e-Sgoil is a national online teaching service which works to improve the offer of subjects and experiences available to pupils in schools across Scotland by providing real-time, interactive inputs.
- Why are these courses being offered?
  - Whilst each school has its own unique SQA course offer, we at e-Sgoil are aware that many schools across Scotland are currently unable to offer Gaelic. We know that there are many pupils in our schools who would be keen to study Scotland's indigenous language and culture. e-Sgoil is looking to give all pupils the same access to Gaelic courses - irrespective of their geographic location.
- What will it cost?
  - Both courses are fully funded by the Scottish Government. This means that there will be **no cost** to pupils or schools.
- How will the teaching be delivered?
  - Real-time, interactive lessons will be delivered using the browser-based platform VScene. Each course will be timetabled for 5 lessons per week.
- Who can join these classes?
  - Any S4 – S6 pupil in a Scottish school can join a class.
- What courses are available?
  - e-Sgoil is offering two separate Gaelic courses in 2020/21; Higher Gaelic (Learners) and National 5 Gaelic (Learners)
- What do pupils need to do to apply?
  - To apply for a place on the course pupils should first discuss the option with their Guidance Teacher and, if proceeding, complete [the online form](#).
- Do pupils need to have studied Gaelic in the past?
  - For National 5 Gaelic, there is no requirement for any previous knowledge of Gaelic. The Higher course requires a pass at National 5 level.
- Where do pupils attend classes?
  - Pupils will join the class using a PC/Device from within their own schools. Classwork will be assigned and completed within Glow.
- What are the benefits of learning in this way?
  - As well as achieving a qualification, this method of delivery allows pupils to improve their digital skills and become familiar with learning collaboratively. These are skills which are very much in demand in the modern workplace.
- How will assessments be carried out?
  - All assessments will be carried out in accordance with SQA's Virtual Delivery of NQ Guidelines. This means that assessments will be under standard exam conditions with supervision provided by the host school.
- When are classes taught?
  - Both classes will be timetabled for 5 periods per week. The 50-minute periods will fall within the school day and be spread across the week at set times (detailed overleaf).
- What if these times clash with existing timetables?
  - Clashes are inevitable as we will not be able to find times which suit everybody. Gaelic lessons will be recorded, allowing pupils who miss out on the 'live' lesson to catch up later in the day. The alternative option is that pupils attending Gaelic will be expected to catch up on work they've missed in their other subjects in their own time. Pupils in senior school with a capacity in their timetable will likely find that they have more flexibility than those with no free periods.

Please contact [e-sgoil@gnes.net](mailto:e-sgoil@gnes.net) should you have any further questions.

An online application form is [available here](#).

# Proposed period times

## Nat 5 Gaelic

Tuesday	Double Period	2pm - 3.40pm
Wednesday	Double Period	10.45am - 12.25pm
Friday	Single Period	11.35am – 12.25pm

## Higher Gaelic

Monday	Single Period	8.50am – 9.40am
Wednesday	Double Period	2pm - 3.40pm
Thursday	Double Period	2pm - 3.40pm

In addition to the times above, there will be scheduled tutorial periods made available to support students with their work.

