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# GCSE Gaeilge

STUDENT  
GUIDE



# INTRODUCTION

GCSE Gaeilge is an enjoyable and worthwhile course of study with a wide range of literature. It will give you the opportunity to develop a positive attitude towards the Irish language and will create passion for the Irish culture, literature and identity.

## WHY STUDY GAEILGE?

By studying Gaeilge you will become an accurate user of the Irish Language. It will help you to become an effective member of the community, including the Irish language community. It will support progression into further study and employment. You will be able to make informed decisions about your career choices. Studying this specification will enhance the wide range of Irish language skills you have acquired in Irish-medium education.

## UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS QUALIFICATION?

You will study a range of texts from a mix of local and modern writers and choose from a variety of poems that will appeal to a variety of different interests.



# WHAT WILL I STUDY?\*

UNIT ASSESSMENT	AREAS OF STUDY
<b>Component 1: Listening and Speaking in Gaeilge</b>	<p>In Task one, you will complete an individual discussion on a prepared topic. In Task two, you will participate in a group discussion.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in two controlled assessment tasks lasting 4–6 minutes. It is worth 20% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
<b>Component 2: Reading and Writing in Gaeilge</b>	<p>You will prepare and complete a written response to two literary texts.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a 1 hour controlled assessment. It is worth 20% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
<b>Component 3: Reading in Gaeilge</b>	<p>In Section 1, you will address information handling. Then in Section 2, you will analyse and use your descriptive skills. In Section 3, you translate from Irish into English, assessing syntax, lexical and grammatical structures.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a 1 hour 30 minute written examination. It is worth 30% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
<b>Component 4: Writing in Gaeilge</b>	<p>You will select one question from a choice of three and answer this using functional writing. You will translate short sentences from English into Irish, addressing Irish grammar and syntax. You will finish the paper by translating a passage from English into Irish.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a 1 hour 30 minute written examination. It is worth 30% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>

\*The information in this table is still subject to regulatory approval.



Component 1  
**Listening and Speaking**

20%



Component 2  
**Reading and Writing**

20%



Component 3  
**Reading**

30%



Component 4  
**Writing**

30%

# WHAT CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS, THINKING SKILLS AND PERSONAL CAPABILITIES WILL I DEVELOP?



Through this course you will:

- explore and respond, both imaginatively and critically and make oral and written summaries, as well as reports and presentations;
- use ICT to access, manage, select and present information;
- set personal goals and targets to meet deadlines;
- learn from others, work towards collective goals and listen to others' opinions; and
- improve your problem-solving abilities and justify your decisions.

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A QUALIFICATION IN GAEILGE?

By completing this specification, you will improve your Irish in all its forms and learn more about literature in Irish. Irish is moving forward and broadening the language to accommodate contemporary vocabulary. This has produced a vibrant language that will enable you to engage in today's world, including the world of work, on a level footing with other students of your age.



