

Senior Phase pupils who hope to progress to the next level in English in S5 and S6 should read the section on the SQA website related to English .This will give you general information about the course which is appropriate for you : ADVANCED HIGHER , HIGHER or NATIONAL 5.

ADVANCED HIGHER: The Dissertation is the part of the Course which you should start thinking about now. For this you will be required to choose examples of the work of an author, poet or playwright whose writing you enjoy and analyse aspects of your chosen texts in the Dissertation. You will be able to discuss this with your English Teacher of course, when you return to School, but now is the time to start exploring ideas, reading as widely as you can and planning what your approach to the Dissertation might be. Take notes and be adventurous... if you only read novels , why not try poetry? Have you read any plays other than those which you may have read at Nat. 5 and Higher levels? If you wish to study Advanced Higher English in S6, I recommend that you commence working on your Dissertation right away!

HIGHER AND NATIONAL 5: Look at the Higher and / or Nat. 5 Examination Papers on the SQA website. Try out examples of Paper 1 : Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation. There may be words and phrases in the passages which you do not understand at first. Find out the meanings of these words and phrases and record them. This good practice will help to build up your vocabulary .

Now you should also be thinking about a topic for the Discursive Essay ,one of the two pieces of writing required for your Folio. This Essay can be in an argumentative or persuasive style. Do you know the difference between these two forms of Writing ? Find out ! The piece of discursive writing can also be written in the form of a report. Which type do you think you might like best ? Try to look for examples of these different styles of writing : extracts from newspapers of quality would be helpful here. Read as much as you can.

Which topics are of interest to you ? You will have to think carefully about this. You will have many good ideas, I am sure. Start researching, taking notes and planning for this part of your Higher / National 5 course.

Do what you can and enjoy your work for English!

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Miss Belton.