

Tips for preparing the ISE IV Portfolio

The ISE IV Portfolio is a collection of the students' best written work. It is prepared ahead of the ISE IV Interview with the examiner.

The final ISE IV portfolio should include only three pieces of work - one piece of work from each category:

1. Correspondence
2. Factual Writing
3. Critical and Analytical writing

The list of ISE IV portfolio tasks changes each year. Candidates must make sure they choose their ISE IV portfolio tasks from the current year's list.

Here are some tips from Trinity examiners to help candidates do well in the ISE IV Portfolio.

Top tips

1. Perfect your work by using all available resources
2. Read the task instructions carefully so you don't misunderstand anything
3. Plan, draft and edit your writing
4. Answer all parts of the question fully
5. Organise your writing using paragraphs and linking phrases
6. Write in a suitable format, style and register
7. Demonstrate a wide range of ISE IV language
8. Write accurately, using correct spelling and grammar
9. Ask your teacher to complete an ISE IV Student Portfolio Feedback form to improve your writing
10. Check your final Portfolio for mistakes and missing information

The ISE IV Portfolios must be available when the Trinity examiner arrives to begin the examination session. The ISE IV Portfolios should be in Interview order on the examiner's table.