



**BRAIDHURST HIGH SCHOOL**



**THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

**MODERN LANGUAGES FOR LIFE AND**  
**WORK**



**Why study a**

1. You get to meet life-long friends.
2. You can discover a new culture. Music, movies, food, literature, poetry, theatre, art: the list of fabulous things that culture brings to our lives is endless.

**Foreign Language?**

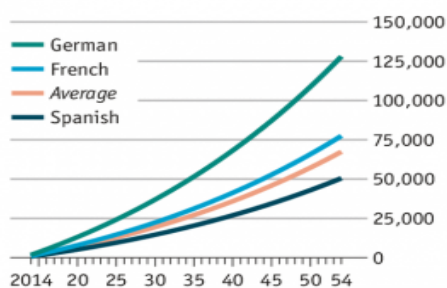
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3. You develop confidence. Learning a foreign language is a rewarding experience and a confidence booster. You'll get to overcome some of your fears and doubts, learn more about yourself, meet new people, and perhaps travel to places you would've never dared to visit before
4. You can transform your travel experience. Travel is not just about taking pretty pictures and posting them on Facebook or Instagram, or spending a week in a 5-star all-inclusive resort. Learning a foreign language, even as little as a handful of phrases, will make your travel experiences *so much* better. Not only will the knowledge of the language the locals speak result in warm smiles and invitations, it might bring you opportunities that you'd never thought of.
5. You improve your employability. Companies are constantly expanding overseas and dealing with clients from all over the world. Between two candidates with the exact same skill set and experience, the person who is bilingual is arguably much more likely to get the job.

#### Accumulated language bonuses

Forecasts, €



Source: *The Economist*

6. You might want to study or live overseas. If you feel like you're looking for some excitement and adventure in your life, a foreign language might be the door that's waiting to be opened.
7. You impress people around you! Whether at a fancy restaurant or with the locals in their native tongue, learning a foreign language is  talking bound to impress more than a few people around you. You will get compliments on your unique skill, and a few glances from passers-by.
8. You become more open-minded. Seeing the world from a different perspective, and understanding where you and others come from, is a fantastic, eye-opening experience.
9. English is not enough! It's important that you learn to speak and understand other people no matter where they are from.
10. You'll have fun learning another language!

#### WHY SHOULD YOU STUDY MODERN LANGUAGES FOR LIFE AND WORK?

- ❖ You will develop your language and employability skills, while also being able to follow your own interests in a cultural context.
- ❖ You will develop language skills in one or two modern languages that you can apply in life and work.
- ❖ You will gain a greater understanding of your own and other cultures by comparing aspects of life in different countries.

- ❖ You will study one language or two languages in contexts for life and work, and identify, develop and demonstrate employability skills.
- ❖ You don't need to know anything about the language(s) you will study before you start the course, and you can progress from SCQF 3 to SCQF 4, and from SCQF 4 to National 4, if you want.
- ❖ There is no final exam to sit. All assessment is internal and marked by your teacher.
- ❖ You will get to work closely with the French and German assistants on language and background tasks.
- ❖ You will be able to link up with other departments in the school e.g. Home Economics and IT.
- ❖ There is much less pressure than there is at National 4/5 level. The pace of lessons is slower and you can study what YOU want about the country and the foreign language.



## **WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?**

It is awarded at two levels: SCQF Level 3 and SCQF Level 4

## **MODERN LANGUAGES FOR LIFE**

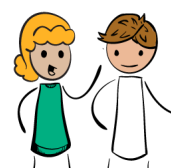
The purpose of this Unit is to develop basic skills in **listening and talking** in practical and relevant contexts using the language studied. Learners explore the culture of the country (countries) concerned.

## **MODERN LANGUAGES FOR WORK PURPOSES**

You will have the opportunity to develop basic skills in **talking and listening** needed to communicate in any work context using the language studied. You will reflect on skills required for employability.

## **BUILDING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

You will have the opportunity to acquire the skills needed in order to gain employment. These skills include finding out about job opportunities and employers, by **reading and/or listening** and the skills needed to apply for a job e.g. **filling in a job application; preparing a CV, preparing for or participating in, an interview.**



## **ACTIVITIES THE MODERN LANGUAGES FOR LIFE AND WORK CLASS TOOK PART IN LAST YEAR**

- 1) Making pancakes in the Home Economics Department by following a real French recipe.



- 2) Making German biscuits in the Home Economics Department by following an authentic German recipe
- 3) Watching a German and French film and completing a film study of them.
- 4) Researching famous landmarks in Paris and Berlin and preparing a PowerPoint presentation which they presented to the Depute Head Teacher.
- 5) Typing a Job Application and a CV in German in the IT Department.
- 6) Learning about famous festivals e.g. Christmas in French and German.
- 7) Making a tourist brochure about Scotland in German.
- 8) Playing French and German board games.
- 9) Using the ipads to access French and German websites to play games and find out about French and German culture and job vacancies.
- 10) Reading real French and German comics and magazines.



And still to come ....



- 11) Easter activities e.g. learning all about how Easter is celebrated in France and Germany, an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt and painting eggs.
- 12) A visit to a local business and / or French restaurant.

