

## **Modern Languages**

### **Broad General Education**

The BGE introduces learners to French and Italian through simple, practical language use. Pupils develop confidence in the skills of listening, talking, reading, and writing in familiar contexts such as school, free time, home area, self, food and film & TV. Learning focuses on building vocabulary, basic grammar, pronunciation and cultural awareness, with a strong emphasis on communication. Pupils study each language on a rotational basis and choose the language they wish to continue to study at the end of S2.

### **National 3**

Students develop basic language skills, developing confidence in listening, reading, talking and writing. Learners understand and use straightforward spoken and written language, focusing on simple information and familiar topics. The course is internally assessed, covering Understanding Language and Using Language Units.

### **National 4**

Students build on basic language skills, developing greater confidence in the skills of listening, reading, talking and writing. Learners practice the skills using language linked to society, learning, employability and culture. The course is internally assessed, covering Understanding Language and Using Language Units as well as an Added Value Unit.

### **National 5**

Students develop confident and more independent use of French or Italian. Learners understand, analyse and respond to more detailed spoken and written texts. The course strengthens grammar, accuracy and a range of expression across the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture. Assessment includes a writing assignment, an oral performance and an external exam.

### **Higher**

The Higher course develops fluency, accuracy, and cultural understanding. Learners engage with complex texts, reflect, express opinions, develop ideas and communicate with confidence in a range of contexts. Assessment includes writing assignment, an oral performance and an external exam.

[Link to Qualifications Scotland information on Modern Languages national courses](#)