

Modern Languages:



French



German



Italian



Spanish

Award Options - N4 5 French/German/Italian/Spanish

Entry Level – an indication of prior learning is given below:

National 5: previous study of a Modern Language in S2/3

National 4: beginner or previous study of a Modern Language in S2/3

Final presentation levels will be subject to performance in class.

Course Content –What will I learn?

The courses at N5 &N4 will offer learners the opportunity to develop or expand language skills using materials from the real-life contexts listed below:

Society

Family and friends
Lifestyles
Media

Learning

School
Further Education

Employability

Jobs
Work & C.V.s

Culture

Planning a trip
Other countries/Film/TV
Celebrations/Citizenship
Holidays/Global Languages

Teaching methods – What will I do?

You will have access to a variety of up-to-date resources including the Internet to support and inform your learning. You will develop your reading, listening, writing and talking skills through a variety of differentiated and stimulating activities which will require you to work independently, in pairs and as part of a group. Other teaching methods will include:

- Class discussion
- Written tasks
- Investigate and research
- Role play
- Presentations -individual and/or group

Assessment

National 5 Courses *are graded A to D.*

Components 1 & 2 – question paper: Reading/ Writing

- Reading: 30 marks (25% of overall mark)
- Writing: 20 marks (with Assignment 25% of overall mark)

Component 3 – question paper: Listening

- 20 marks (25% of overall mark)

Component 4- Assignment **New Element at National 5** – Writing

- (with Writing above -25% of overall mark)

Component 5 – performance: Talking 30 marks (25% of overall mark)

National 4: There are **three** mandatory units which are entirely internally assessed

Understanding Language: you will be required to provide evidence of your reading and listening skills in the modern language, from **one** of the contexts listed above.

Using Language: you will be required to provide evidence of your talking and writing skills in the modern language, from **one** of the contexts listed above.

Added Value Unit-Assignment: you will apply your language skills to investigate and report on a chosen topic in a familiar context in the modern language.

To achieve the National 4 in Modern Languages you must pass all the mandatory units, including the Added Value Unit. Courses are **not graded** and there is **no** external exam.

All levels are subject to external moderation procedures by the SQA.

Homework

You will be expected to learn vocabulary, phrases and grammar structures on a regular basis in order to improve your knowledge and understanding. In addition there will be regular written homework to consolidate classwork and prepare for assessments.

Progression in the Senior Phase:

Success in N5 could lead to Higher in S5/6.

Success in N4 could lead to N5 in S5/6.

Costs:

Purchase of bi-lingual dictionary for use at home. You will be issued with printed and electronic resources for use in class, homework and revision.

Fact or fiction? Scotland doesn't really need languages to improve its economy.

Wrong! Scotland is losing approximately £0.5 billion in potential income every year because we do not have enough people with language skills. The UK has the worst foreign language skills in Europe. This is acting in effect as a tax on UK trade. In Sweden 83% of 15 year-olds can cope (at a basic level) in a foreign language. In England it's only 14%. Can we do better?

Fact or fiction? Everyone speaks English.

Wrong! 75% of the world's population do not speak any English at all. Only 6% of world population are native English speakers. Source: SCILT Scotland's National Centre for Languages.

Language learning will be vital for the future of the UK economy in a post-Brexit world. This is in part why employers are desperately looking for graduates with language skills. Being able to speak the languages of our business partners and understand their cultures is going to be vital.

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”



Nelson Mandel, Former President of South Africa