

Higher Modern Languages:



French



Italian



Spanish

“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 Mandela

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.

- In today's global economy it is vitally important to be familiar with at least one language other than English.
- You will be competing with other young Europeans for jobs and study places who can nearly all offer language skills, so you need to be able to do the same.
- Language studies can be combined with a wide range of other subjects: law, computing, communication skills, international business & marketing and sciences

Course Content –What will I learn?

The courses at Higher & N5 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 skills will I develop?

- 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
- You will further develop your understanding of the written and spoken language, and in particular your ability to use the language to express yourself independently and flexibly. You will deepen your understanding of lifestyle and culture in countries where the language is spoken.

Assessment

New Higher (2018-2019)

- You will be given regular feedback on your work, and insight into how you can develop your skills further. You will be given feedback as the course progresses, based on your ongoing work and assessment tasks.
- Question paper 1: Reading (30 marks) and Directed Writing (20 marks, scaled to 15 marks)
Question paper 2: Listening: 20 marks (scaled to 30 marks)
Assignment-writing: 20 marks (scaled to 15 marks) - New Element
Performance-talking: 30 marks

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 talking and writing activities and assessments.

Parts of the course will use the Scholar on-line course, which you will be expected to access at home and/or in school.

Progression in the Senior Phase:

Success in Higher could lead to Advanced Higher in S6.

Success in N5 could lead to Higher in S6.

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.