S2/3 Italian

COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?

During S2/3 you will look at the different topics including food and drink, technology your own school and schools in Italian- speaking countries. In addition, you will study free time and sports and talk about yourself and your family. All of this will be in the context of the language you are studying but this should also help improve your understanding of your own language.

TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

Studying a language enables you to communicate directly with people from different countries and will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of other cultures. You will have access to a variety of up-to-date resources, including Italian films, the Internet and authentic texts 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 activities will include:

• Class discussion
• Written tasks
• Investigation and research
• Role play
• Debates
• Presentations (individual and/or group).

There will also be opportunities for pupils who choose Italian to travel to an Italian-speaking country to immerse them in the language and complement their learning in class.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed throughout the course in a variety of ways suitable for all learning styles - including class tests, homework pieces, projects, debates, peer assessment, self-assessment, formal exams, research work and co-operative learning tasks.

HOMEWORK

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

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE

Pupils can progress to National 4 or National 5 in S4 as well as completing courses such as Languages for Life and Work that require a knowledge of various languages.