

German: ADVANCED HIGHER

Why German?

The aim of this course is to allow you to develop your existing ability in the four language skill areas of listening, talking, reading and writing. You will have the opportunity to acquire greater fluency, flexibility and accuracy in the language and widen your knowledge of German literature and culture.

Many companies and businesses seek employees with fluency in one or more European languages. Advanced Higher German is extremely valuable for many career paths, for entry to higher or further education and for your general education and personal development.

Entry to the Course

This is at the discretion of the school/college, but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- * Higher German
- * An equivalent qualification.

Course structure

The Course is made up of three mandatory Units. The structure of the Units enables learners to focus on the skills required to understand and use a modern language and to integrate listening and talking, reading and writing skills across the Units.

Understanding Language

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and extend reading and listening skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Using Language

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and extend talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Specialist Study

The purpose of this unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills in order to undertake an independent specialist study based on literature or media or language in work.

Course assessment

Courses from National 4 to Advanced Higher in Modern Languages include assessment of added value. At National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, the added value will be assessed in the Course assessment.

In the Advanced Higher Modern Languages Course, added value will focus on:

- *breadth
- *challenge

Learners will provide evidence of their listening and talking, reading and writing skills, and their ability to understand and use a modern language in a range of contexts.

The Course assessment will take the form of:

A **performance**, through which learners will demonstrate their talking skills in the modern language

A **portfolio**, through which learners will demonstrate their analysis skills, in English, of either literature and/or media topic, or the modern language in work

2 question papers through which learners will demonstrate their reading, translation, listening and discursive writing skills in the modern language.

Progression

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

Education (HNC/HND/Degree) or

Employment in:

- * Business
- * Journalism
- * Arts, Social Science & Religion
- * Hospitality, Catering & Tourism
- * Law

Homework

Homework is an essential part of the German syllabus in S5/6 as it supports the learning in the class and allows the pupil to progress successfully to the next stage. Apart from the homework tasks given by the class teacher, all pupils are expected to undertake a great deal of work on their own. Further homework guidelines can be found on the school website.

Further advice and information on these options is available from your Subject Teacher, Home Area Principal Teacher and Careers Adviser.