

FRENCH / GERMAN – HIGHER

What are the aims of the course?

The Higher course offers learners opportunities to:

- listen, talk, read and write in French/German
- develop the language skill of translation
- apply knowledge and understanding of French/German more independently

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

National 5 in the relevant language

What content is included in this course?

The contexts are the same as at National 5 level but are developed further at Higher level:

- **Society** (becoming an adult, teenage problems, the digital age, global citizenship)
- **Learning** (understanding yourself as a learner, choosing a university or college, lifelong learning)
- **Employability** (summer jobs, future employment, job opportunities)
- **Culture** (taking a gap year, living in a multicultural society, traditions of other countries)

What skills will I develop?

- Skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work
- Reading, Talking, Listening and Writing in French/German
- Knowledge of detailed language required to translate French/German accurately
- Working with others and independent study
- Applying grammatical knowledge and understanding
- Presentation skills

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

A range of learning and teaching approaches are used including individual work, group work and cooperative activities. There is an emphasis on practical work to improve language proficiency. Interactive language based websites are used to access news and events in the relevant language.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed internally as well as externally. Pupils must pass internal unit assessments – one each for Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing. There is also a final examination which will determine the learner's final grade (A-D).

What are the homework requirements?

A large part of homework will continue to be of a learning nature; vocabulary, verb structures and grammar. In addition, regular practice of reading, listening and writing will be required, as well as preparation for speaking tasks. Pupils will be expected to undertake regular and independent revision, in addition to their set homework.

What are the possible progression routes?

- Advanced Higher
- Higher education courses at appropriate levels, up to and including degree courses.
- Courses offered by foreign language agencies at appropriate levels.
- Employment, possibly making use of foreign language competence.
- A Higher in one language allows you to start a wide range of new languages at university.

Certification anticipated in: Higher French / German is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 6.