

FRENCH/GERMAN – NATIONAL 4

What are the aims of the course?

- To build on skills in reading, writing, talking and listening.
- To develop literacy skills

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

The National 4 course is open to all S4/5/6 pupils who have shown competence in their previous language learning at Level 3.

What content is included in this course?

- **Understanding Language Unit** (*Listening and Reading*)
- **Using Language Unit** (Talking and Writing)
- **Added Value Unit**

Skills are developed within the contexts of **Society, Learning, Employability and Culture.**

What skills will I develop?

- Skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work
- Reading, Talking, Listening and Writing in French/German
- Working with others and independent study
- Applying grammatical knowledge
- 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.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed internally. Pupils must pass unit assessments – one each for Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing as well as the Added Value Unit.

SQA will provide rigorous external quality assurance, including external verification, to ensure assessment judgements are consistent and meet national standards.

What are the homework requirements?

A large part of homework will be of a learning nature; vocabulary, verb structures and grammar. In addition, regular practice of reading 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?

- Achieving a pass at National 4 allows progression to the National 5 course.
- Alternatively, **further education** courses may be available at appropriate levels.
- Courses offered by **foreign language agencies** at appropriate levels.
- **Employment**, possibly making use of foreign language competence.

Certification anticipated in:

National 4 French is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 4.