

FRENCH / GERMAN – NATIONAL 5

What are the aims of the course?

The course offers learners the opportunity to develop and extend their ability to communicate using the four skills - listening, talking, reading and writing.

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

- National 4 French/German
- Competence demonstrated in previous language learning

What content is included in this course?

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

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 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).

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?

- A successful candidate at Nat 5 will be able to progress to a **Higher** Modern Languages course.
- Alternatively, **further/higher education** courses may be available 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.

Certification anticipated in: Nat 5 French / German is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 5.