

Modern Languages

(French/German/Spanish/Mandarin)

National 5

Progression through Modern Languages

Higher
Modern
Languages

Pupils usually move on to study the language(s) they have already studied but there is potential to 'crash' another language



Course Content

Students will develop their reading, writing, listening and talking skills in their chosen language(s) by studying the 4 contexts – society, learning, employability and culture.

Skills Developed

- Reading, listening, talking and writing in a modern language
- The ability to understand and use a modern language
- Applying knowledge of a modern language
- Applying grammatical knowledge
- Plan, research and apply detailed, more complex language skills
- The development of cultural awareness
- Develop creative and critical thinking
- Develop literacy skills and reflect on how this relates to English
- Develop an understanding of how language works
- Using different media effectively for learning and communication
- Using detailed, more complex language to communicate ideas and information
- Explore the interconnected nature of languages
- Analysis and evaluation eg defining the purpose of a text
- Dictionary skills

Assessment

The course will be graded A to D and will be assessed through two question papers (exams), an assignment and a spoken performance. The question papers and assignment will be marked by SQA and the talking performance will be marked by the school.

The Reading and Writing question paper is worth 50 marks and the Listening question paper is worth 20 marks. Combined, they make up 62.5% of the total assessment mark. The question papers enable learners to show that they can understand the language when it is written or spoken, and that they can also write in the language.

The written assignment is worth 20 marks and makes up 12.5% of the total assessment mark. Learners produce a piece of writing in the modern language (120-200 words or 150-250 Chinese characters).

The performance is worth 30 marks and makes up 25% of the total assessment mark. Learners carry out a spoken presentation and conversation in the modern language.

Related Careers

Languages is a diverse subject and can lead to a wide range of jobs such as:

- Sales Executive
- Tour guide
- Translator
- Marketing Analyst
- Holiday Rep
- Fashion buyer
- Foreign correspondent
- Customs Officer
- Interpreter
- FBI Agent
- Marketing Consultant
- Geoscientist
- World Health Officer
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Subtiter
- International Journalist

Freddie Highmore, Chris Martin, Kate Beckinsale and Bradley Cooper all studies languages!

