

<u>FACULTY:</u>	MODERN LANGUAGES
<u>TITLE OF COURSE:</u>	FRENCH
<u>LEVEL:</u>	NATIONAL 4 AND NATIONAL 5
<u>RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS:</u>	Pupils will have studied French during the Broad General Education and will have reached Level 3 or 4 in all skills

Pupils will complete two units at both National 4 and 5:

- 1 Using Language – Talking and Writing**
- 2 Understanding Language – Reading and Listening**

METHODOLOGY

At both National 4 and National 5 we continue to build on the four vital skills of reading, writing, listening and talking in many different ways.

We also aim to extend the pupils' knowledge, not only of the French language, but also of the importance of French within the contexts of citizenship, society, learning, employability and culture. We also concentrate on the development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

As well as whole class teaching, many methodologies are used in languages to aid learning such as pair work, group work, the use of ICT, the use of individual listening posts, Ipads, DVDs in the target language and introduction to native speakers of French where at all possible.

These skills are practised in the following contexts:

- Society
- Employability
- Learning
- Culture

ASSESSMENT (including changes for 2017 - 2018):

Informal on-going assessment by the class teacher continues to be used extensively in French even though the SQA Unit Assessments are no longer compulsory at National 5. Pupils are also encouraged to assess one another as well as to discuss progress and next steps with the class teacher. Oral, written and power point presentations in French are encouraged and developed with a view to developing confident individuals and effective contributors in a language different to their own.

At National 4 all units are internally assessed and verified by the SQA. As well as on-going assessment, some assessment takes place at the end of a particular unit and some takes place annually in order to check overall learning and understanding.

To gain the Course Award at National 4, pupils have to pass the Added Value Unit.

To gain the Course Award at National 5, pupils have to pass the external examination at the end of the course which is set and marked by the SQA, as well as passing a Talking Performance carried out with the class teacher, assessed by a member of the M.L. Faculty and verified by the SQA.

Change to National 5 for 2017 – 2018

This year we see the introduction of a Writing Assignment in French which is carried out in controlled conditions in class and sent to the SQA for marking. This also contributes to the overall mark.

The overall skills weighting has also changed as follows:

Reading: 25%, Listening: 25%, Writing: 25%, Talking: 25%