

FACULTY: MODERN LANGUAGES

TITLE OF COURSE: GERMAN

LEVEL: HIGHER

RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS: A pass at National 5 German

COURSE CONTENT:

Pupils will complete 2 units:-

1 Using Language

2 Understanding Language

The four skills of Talking, Reading, Listening and Writing are developed to a higher level. New skills, however, are also introduced. We encourage a more in-depth interpretation of reading passages and teach the relatively new skill of translation. A thorough knowledge of tenses for Essay Writing is developed along with more group discussion and co-operative learning designed to support pupils and raise attainment in the foreign language.

Talking

In addition to talking on personal matters, pupils will learn to speak about subjects of general interest and to discuss various subjects in German

Reading

Pupils will read fairly long passages in the target language, and comprehension is developed by means of translation and comprehension exercise.

Listening

Listening comprehension will continue to be developed with passages in the target language and answers in English.

Writing

Writing is both more intensive and extensive than at National 5.

More complex grammar structures are introduced and practised, by means of language exercises and essay writing. Spoken and written stimuli are used to introduce essay topics, thus linking all elements.

The above four skills are practised in the following contexts:

- Society
- Employability
- Learning
- Culture

METHODOLOGY:

A multi skilled approach is used in Higher and the course is context based. Pupils will practise all four skills through class teaching, group and pair work, and use of a variety of technologies. Pupils will continue to produce extended pieces of writing and we continue to encourage more spontaneity in speaking the language.

ASSESSMENT:

To gain the Unit Award, pupils must pass an internal assessment in each of the 4 skills. To gain the Course Award, pupils have to pass the external examination at the end of the course.