

FACULTY: MODERN LANGUAGES

TITLE OF COURSE: ITALIAN

LEVEL: NATIONAL 5

RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS: Pupils may have studied French or German to National 4 or 5 in S4 and will be keen to take an intensive course in Italian.

Pupils may have previously learned another language to National 4 or 5 and wish to add another language to their qualifications

Pupils with no Modern Language may wish to gain a qualification in a Modern Language.

Pupils will complete two units:

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

METHODOLOGY

The four vital skills of reading, writing, listening and talking are taught in many different ways 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 Italian to aid learning such as pair work, group work, the use of ICT, the use of individual listening posts and other technologies, DVDs in the target language and introduction to native speakers of Italian where at all possible.

These skills are practised in the following contexts:

- Society
- Employability
- Learning
- Culture

ASSESSMENT:

Informal on-going assessment by the class teacher is used extensively in Italian even though the SQA Unit Assessments are no longer compulsory. 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 Italian are encouraged and developed with a view to developing confident individuals and effective contributors in a language different to their own.

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 assessed by the class teacher, and verified by the SQA.

Change to National 5 for 2017 – 2018

This year we see the introduction of a Writing Assignment in Italian 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%

Points to Note: This is a challenging nine month crash course to National 5 level. Pupils should speak to Mrs Smith, Faculty Head of Modern Languages, in the first instance.