

FACULTY:

MODERN LANGUAGES

TITLE OF COURSE:

ITALIAN

LEVEL:

NATIONAL 5

RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS:

Pupils will probably have studied French or German to National 4 or 5 level in S4 and will be keen to take an intensive course in Italian in S5. This course may also be suitable for pupils who have previously learned another language to National 4 or 5 level and wish to take another language in S5.

In some cases it would provide an opportunity for pupils who have never studied a language to obtain some valuable linguistic skills

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 with periodic more formal assessment at various points in the course to assess the four skills mentioned above at all levels. (See below) 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 Unit awards pupils have to pass the internal assessments which are verified by the SQA. 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.

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.