

## **Modern Languages – French, German and Spanish N4/5**

**'Linguists are more likely to be discriminating about the intelligence collected, and more innovative in their decision making, but use information responsibly. Those with international experience are likely to be more active information gatherers and decision makers'**

Taken from '*The economic case for language learning and the role of employer engagement*' Education and Employers Taskforce, November 2011

**'75% of the world's population speak no English at all'**

**'Only 6% of the global population are native English speakers'**

**'60% UK employers are dissatisfied with the foreign language skills of school leavers'**

Extracts from a House of Lords Debate, 3 December 2009

Modern Languages open up the world to you. Not only do you learn how to speak and understand the language, you also learn about the countries where the language is spoken. One day you may end up working for a company which deals with customers abroad. You may even work for an international organisation like *Michelin* which could offer you promotion if you speak the language and can contribute to the company in France. You may even live abroad yourself for an extended period of time. You never know what job you may aim for or where it will be. In a changing world, one thing is for certain: a good knowledge of foreign languages will mean you can interact more with and increasingly benefit from the global marketplace.

Learning a foreign language develops transferable skills. A report commissioned by the European Commission (Marsh et al., 2009) summarises the potential benefits as follows:

- Enhanced mental flexibility
- Enhanced problem-solving ability (including organisational skills)
- Expanded metalinguistic ability (intercultural skills)
- Enhanced learning capacity
- Enhanced interpersonal ability (team-working/communication and presentation skills/perception of the perspective of others)

A qualification in a language is well respected by both universities and employers alike.

In S4 you can continue with French or German which you have been learning since primary school or continue with Spanish which you started in S3. You could even do both if you are particularly interested in languages and are thinking of studying them at university

The courses at N4 and N5 level will offer you opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular you will develop your ability to read, listen, talk and write in your chosen language.

The courses will cover topics taken from the contexts of learning as laid out by the SQA: society, learning, employability and culture.

<b>Society Culture</b>	<b>Learning</b>	<b>Employability</b>
Family and friends Planning a trip Lifestyle Film Media Global languages Citizenship	Education  Work & CVs	Jobs  Other countries  Celebrations/ holidays

### ***Assessment***

N4/5 Modern Languages pupils will continue to experience continuous assessment. As in S1-S3, pupils will continue to build up a wide variety of evidence to show how they are progressing

- N4 and N5 pupils will be assessed internally, based on the continuously generated **course work**.
- N5 pupils will also be required to successfully complete an externally assessed **exam**.

### ***Homework***

Modern Languages pupils are expected to learn vocabulary and grammar structures on a regular basis in order to improve their knowledge and understanding.

In addition there will be regular written homework to consolidate classwork and prepare for assessments.

### ***Progression***

- Success in N4 Modern Languages leads to:
- N5 Modern Languages, which leads to:
- Higher Modern Languages, which leads to:
- Advanced Higher Modern Languages

