

# Modern Languages

Learning a Language:

## What are the aims and benefits?

- You will develop your ability to understand and use another language and learn about the cultures of the countries where the language is spoken.
- You will be strong in competition with other young people for study places and jobs in today's global market.
- You will stand out in job interviews. It is not only your language skills that impress employers, but also the core skills of communication, cultural understanding and flexible thinking.
- You will get maximum enjoyment from travel and contact with other cultures.

**Which language should I choose? This depends on your progress in S1/2 French. There are 6 options:**

### 1.Continue developing your French/Spanish Skills

You have been learning French and Spanish for some time now, and you have built up knowledge of vocabulary on many topics. You are developing a range of ways of expressing your ideas. Keep building on this knowledge and in S3 your confidence will increase. You will learn how to talk about things that interest you such as fashion, relationships, sport and fitness.

This option is suitable for everyone who has studied French/Spanish in S2.

### 2.Continue French or Spanish and add a new language.

You have developed skills not only in French but also in language-learning. If you add Gaelic or German, then your language-learning skills will give you a good start in a new language, and your continued progress in French/Spanish will boost your understanding. You will need to work consistently and with commitment in fast-paced introduction to the new language. Skills in two languages are highly sought in many areas of study and employment. You would have the option of continuing both languages or your preferred language into S4.

This is an excellent option if you have been making good progress in French/Spanish

### 3.Change from French/Spanish to a new language.

If you have developed good language-learning skills in French/Spanish, then you could transfer your skills and knowledge to a new language. To do this, you need to be motivated and prepared to work consistently. In S3 you will be given a fast-paced introduction to your new language. It will be important to focus well in class and do homework absolutely reliably. Success depends on you having a good basis of language skills and understanding in French/Spanish, as you will be building on these to achieve 3rd level in your new language within a few months.

This option is suitable for you if you have made good progress in French/Spanish and are motivated to work well, to learn a new language quickly.

### 4.Languages for Life and Work - a course combining language and employability skills

This is a Level 3 or 4 award that you can achieve in S3, and where you use both French and Spanish. This course allows you to develop new language skills at a pace that suits you and also gives you employability skills which will help you find jobs and opportunities.

It will help you to make a good impression on employers and colleges in the future.

You will have contact with a local business who will give you real experience.

of their work and help you see how can use your language knowledge in your career.

This option will suit you if you are less confident in your language skills, but you would like to continue studying it and develop your employability skills.

## 5. Languages and Cultures

This course will offer the chance to explore a range of languages and cultures. You will be able to follow topics that interest you, such as sport, fashion and music as well as learning greeting and essentials in a number of languages. You will build your literacy skills by doing research and organising and presenting your information. You will experience a wide variety of approaches and kinds of learning.

This option is designed for you if you find it difficult to progress in language-learning. You will work in a supported small group. Places on this course are limited.

### French

You have by this time developed a very sound foundation for progress in the language which many of you have been learning since P6 or even earlier. There are many good reasons for continuing:

France is Scotland's biggest trading partner. Firms need employees with language skills to make sales and boost the Scottish economy.

French is a major language of politics and trade, spoken in many European countries, and many other parts of the world including Canada and much of Africa. It is an official EU language.

France is the world's most popular tourist destination, and French tourists are the third largest group to visit Scotland. Either for your own enjoyment, or for a career in tourism, French is a huge advantage.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

Learning involves use of interactive ICT, Internet resources, group and partner activities, games, film, song, textbooks, co-operative activities and many other types of tasks and text.

How will I be assessed?

Options 1,2,3

Your class work will be checked regularly, and you will take part in short assessments during the course in the four skills of reading, listening, talking and writing. You will also assess your own progress, and partners will give you advice. A combination of assessment and advice will let you see how to develop your skills further.

Languages for Life and Work

In order to achieve this award, you will complete a number of short assessments during the year. You will have plenty of time and support to prepare for them.

Languages and Cultures

You will be given feedback throughout the course on your progress and the next steps to develop your skills further.

What are the homework requirements?

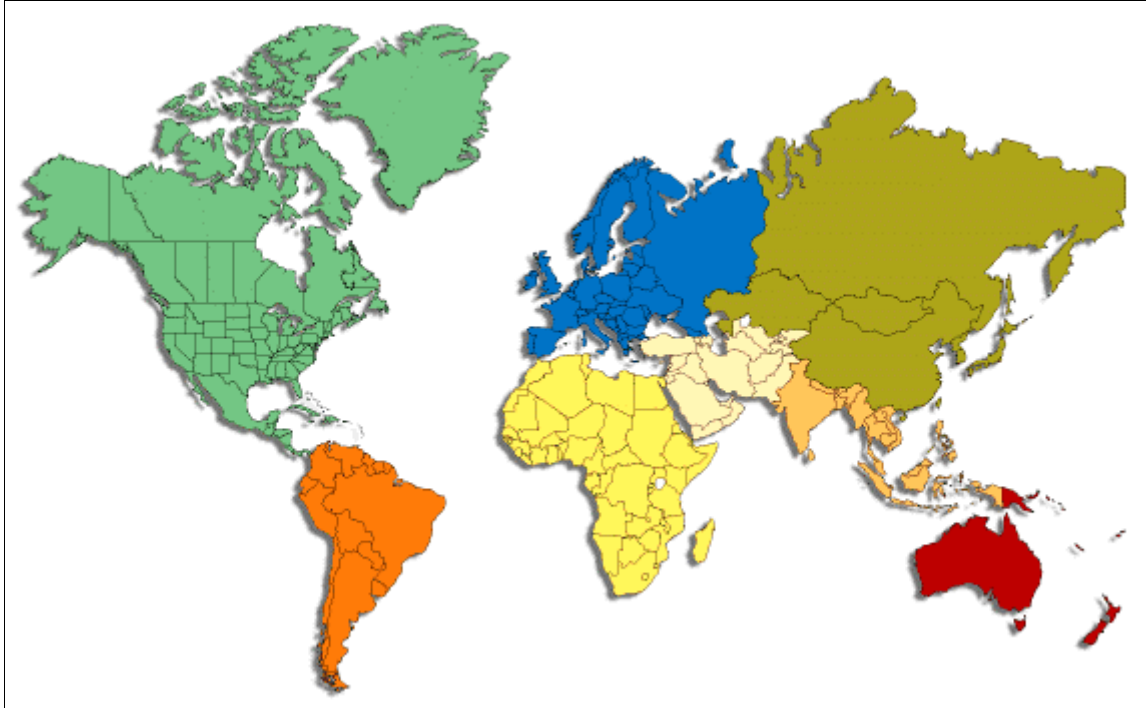
Options 1,2,3

- Homework booklet – Weekly task
- Vocabulary learning (Quizlet)
- Authentic Doc challenge / Skills challenge

## 6. Languages for holidays.

This course is designed to provide students with sufficient knowledge to describe past holidays and to give opinions as well as planning future holidays. It will equip pupils with the necessary skills to be more at ease in conversations while on holiday. The course will cover 2 languages (French and Spanish).

## Languages for Life and Work



- vocabulary learning
  - preparation for assessments
- Languages and Cultures
- research
  - practice at home

What might this course lead to in the future?

Options 1,2,3

- National 4, National 5, Higher, Advanced Higher in S5/6
- you can transfer your skills to start learning another language
- a language course or combined language and another study at college or university

Languages for Life and Work

- if you achieve a level 4 award in S3, you may be able to progress to National 4 in one of the languages in S4

Languages and Cultures

- you may be able to progress to National 3 in French or another language in S4
- you will have developed your literacy skills and improved progress in English for the future