

**Advanced Higher – Spanish - *This is offered as a campus course at PHS in column D***

**Preferred Entry Level**

A good pass at Higher

The **Advanced Higher** course offers breadth and depth of linguistic experience and is both an excellent preparation for any pupil wishing to continue their study of a foreign language at university or for any pupil who wishes to enhance their ability to communicate fluently in a foreign language. Although the course is very much a continuation of Higher work, different topic areas, such as environmental, social, economic and political issues, are covered and the course has more rigour and depth.

**Assessment**

In addition to an external assessment for reading, writing and listening at the end of the course, there will be an internally assessed speaking exam. The exam at each level will cover a variety of topics, which will be familiar to the candidates, and it will allow the pupils to show how fluently they can speak on the topics they have prepared. There are internal nabs for the four skills of writing, speaking, listening and reading and pupils must pass these to be able to then achieve an overall award at the end of the course. The Nabs are spread throughout the year and they are a good indication of whether a pupil is achieving the necessary level in their chosen language.

**Homework**

Homework is an essential part of the learning process. As such, regular written and vocabulary based homework will be given and pupils will be expected to devote considerable time to homework throughout the year. As well as learning vocabulary and grammar, pupils will be given regular essays to write on the different topic areas that they cover as well as reading practice. At Advanced Higher, it is all recommended that pupils spend time doing extra listening practice by listening to authentic language extracts online.