

FRENCH, SPANISH - HIGHER

What are the aims of this course?

Higher is designed to develop further your understanding of the language and culture, and your ability to use the language independently.

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

To continue into Higher you should have achieved National 5 (preferably at A or B.)

What content is included in this course?

The CfE Higher course develops themes already familiar from National 5. The two units develop your ability to understand and to use the language.

The main themes are:

Society: *includes* becoming an adult, teenage problems, the digital age, global citizenship

Learning: *includes* understanding own learning styles, choosing and going to university

Employability: *includes* taking a gap year, planning for job interviews, career path

Culture: *includes* working abroad, multicultural society, traditions of other countries

What skills will I develop?

In Higher you will further develop your understanding of the written and spoken language, and in particular your ability to use the language to express yourself independently and flexibly. You will deepen your understanding of lifestyle and culture in countries where the language is spoken.

How will I be assessed?

You will be given regular feedback on your work, and insight into how you can develop your skills further.

You will be given feedback as the course progresses, based on your ongoing work and assessment tasks. You will sit a prelim exam which will help you check your progress. For the final grade you will take part in a talking assessment in March and in the final exam you will do reading, writing and listening tasks.

What are the homework requirements?

Regular home study will support all skills and preparation for assessment. Home study can involve vocabulary or grammar learning, reading work, writing draft essays, and preparing for talking and writing activities. You will also be given recommendations for Internet activities which will support your progress. Parts of the course will use the Scholar on-line course, which you will be expected to access at home and/or in school.

What are the possible progression routes?

Pupils who achieve Higher may be able to continue to Advanced Higher in S6. Alternatively, they may wish to use their skills as a basis for accelerated progress in a new language. At colleges and universities, language studies can be continued as a speciality, or can be combined with a wide range of other subjects. A Higher enables you to start a wide range of new languages from scratch at university.