



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

German

National 3



The aim of the course is to encourage communicative competence in German.

There are two units to be completed for the course:

- Understanding Language
- Using Language

Pupils will develop the skills of **Listening and Talking** and **Reading and Writing** which will allow them to:

- **understand** written and spoken German within a range of specified contexts: **Society, Learning, Culture and Employability,**
- **apply and adapt** familiar language in written and spoken German to make themselves readily understood,
- **demonstrate** language skills by means of an externally assessed paper.

Assessment:

- This course will be formally assessed by teaching staff using resources provided by SQA in the skills of Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing. **There is one assessment for each skill.**
- There is no external assessment of this course and therefore no exam as part of the SQA diet.
- Regular formative assessment will continue.
- Listening and Talking will be assessed through role play/ transactional tasks/ group discussions and/or conversations between pupil and teacher.
- Reading and Listening will be assessed through pupils' responses to written and spoken texts in German.
- Writing will be assessed regularly, with pupils preparing a selection of pieces, which may include simple reports, reviews or informative texts.



Progression pathway:

- Pupils who attain National 3 may be able to progress to National 4. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with the languages' department.

Resources:

- A wide range of literary and non-literary texts are available in the department.
- Links to useful web-sites will be made available to pupils e.g www.dw.de www.yesgerman.com; www.goethe.de/prj/dfd/en/home.cfm
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by on-line versions, like www.pons.de
- Direct access to a range of web-sites allows up-to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. items in the news.
- BBC Bitsize has been updated in line with the new National Courses.
- Free access to German as is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the online German television: dw.de and zdf.de or radio: www.dradio.de (from Germany), www.radio.orf.at (Austrian), www.drs.ch (Swiss), www.radio.li (Liechtenstein)

Hints for success:

- Regular learning, revising and applying of key points of vocabulary and grammar is essential to making progress in any language.
- Regular completion of homework of all kinds is essential.
- Recognition of the invaluable resources available in the community i.e. speakers of the language.

