



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

German

National 4



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
- Added Value Unit

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,
- **carry out an assignment,** demonstrating their ability to use the four language skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Assessment:

- This course will be formally assessed by teaching staff using resources provided by SQA in the skills of Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing. **Pupils must pass one assessment in each skill.**
- In the Added Value Unit, pupils will be assessed on each of the four skills.
- 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 through 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 and/or informative texts.



Progression pathway:

Pupils who attain National 4 may be able to advance to National 5. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with the Languages' Department.

Resources:

- Pupils have access to core vocabulary and notes in the form of booklets linked to a range of topic.
- Audio files to assist with the learning of vocabulary are also available online.
- 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 online versions, eg. www.pons.de
- Access to a range of websites allows up-to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. current stories in the news.
- Pupils should take advantage of opportunities to engage with fluent speakers when possible.
- BBC Bitesize has been updated in line with National Courses.
- Free access to German as is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the German television available online: dw.de and zdf.de; ard.de or radio www.dradio.de (from Germany), www.radio.orf.at (Austrian), www.drs.ch (Swiss), www.radio.li (Liechtenstein)

