



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Higher German

Course information



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

- Pupils will continue to develop their Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening skills through the specified contexts of Culture, Society, Learning and Employability.
- It is expected that pupils will have a sound grasp of language structures and vocabulary which have been taught in S1-S4.



Internal Unit Assessment – marked on a pass/fail basis

Unit 1: Understanding Language

1. One Reading assessment
2. One Listening assessment

Unit 2: Using Language

1. One Writing assessment
2. One Talking assessment

There are **4** internal unit assessments in total.

Course Assessment – 100 marks

Paper 1: Listening and Writing

- 1 hour
- 30 marks

Section 1 – Listening:

- Listen to a short monologue in Gaelic and answer questions in English – 8 marks
- Listening to a conversation and answer questions in English – 12 marks

Section 2 – Writing:

- There is one question and it will be based on the Listening section.
- Answer in German
- 10 marks
- Dictionary permitted



Paper 2: Reading and Writing

- 1 hour and 40 minutes
- 40 marks

Section 1 – Reading:

- Read a German text and answer questions in English – 20 marks
- German to English translation – 10 marks
- Dictionary permitted

Section 2 – Writing:

- Choose one writing question from a choice of two
- There are 10 marks available and a dictionary is permitted.

Talking Exam

This is worth 30 marks in total

- Candidates will prepare a presentation on a topic of their choice. The presentation is worth a maximum of 10 marks
- Candidates will then engage in a follow-up conversation based on the presentation. The conversation is worth a maximum 20 marks.
- The Talking Exam is similar in style to the National 5 Talking Exam.

Resources:

- Pupils have access to core vocabulary and notes in form of booklets linked to a range of topics.
- Links to useful websites are shared with pupils. 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.
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by online versions.
- Pupils should take advantage of opportunities to engage with fluent speakers when possible.
- BBC Bitesize has been updated in line with the new Higher course.
- Free access to German as it is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the German television channels, online videos and podcasts.



Progression Pathway

- Pupils who achieve an A or B grade at Higher should be able to progress to Advanced Higher. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their progress with a member of the department.