

Gleniffer High School Modern Languages Department
Senior Phase Course Rationales

Subject	Modern Languages – French, German and Spanish
Level	National 3, 4 and 5
Course outline	<p>The courses develop all 4 skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing within four broad themes which are Society, Learning, Employability and Culture.</p> <p>The courses provide learners with the opportunity to use creative and critical thinking so that they are able to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ understand and offer opinion and ideas in the foreign language ○ enhance their enjoyment and their understanding of their own and other cultures ○ explore the interconnected nature of languages ○ develop independent learning <p>Pupils will have access to resources which reflect modern day life in countries where French, German and Spanish are spoken. Pupils will learn what life is like for a young person in these countries. Whilst the courses provide opportunities for learners to develop breadth and challenge, there is flexibility to allow time for learning, more focus on skills and scope for personalisation and choice.</p> <p>Pupils will also develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Pupils will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apply thinking skills ● Develop citizenship by interacting with others, listening and responding appropriately ● Develop communication skills in the foreign language which will enhance employability <p>Pupils will research a topic of their choice and prepare a presentation for the Added Value Unit at National 4.</p>
Assessment	<p>NATIONAL 4: All units are internally assessed on a pass/fail basis against requirements shown by the SQA. This will be subject to external verification by the SQA.</p> <p>NATIONAL 5: Pupils will record a speaking assessment in school which will be externally verified by SQA. This performance will be marked out of 30. Writing will be tested in an assignment which is worth 20 marks, completed in school and marked by SQA. In the final exam pupils will sit papers in Reading, Listening and Writing.</p>
Progression from S4 to S5	Progression from National 4 into National 5 and from National 5 into Higher French, German or Spanish

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Level	Higher
Recommended Entry	National 5 at grade A or B
Course Aims and Purpose	<p>The purpose of this course is to offer students the opportunity to develop their competence in the foreign language in listening, speaking, reading and writing within a wide range of contexts. Students will use many internet based resources.</p> <p>Studies have shown that having a qualification in a language increases employment opportunities and earnings. Young people who get to know a little about another culture and language are successful in the world of work and often benefit from time spent abroad.</p>
Course Details	<p>There are four themes, Society, Learning, Employability and Culture. These follow on well from National 5. Students will be trained to go beyond basic communication to express their views and opinions in the foreign language.</p> <p>There are two units – understanding language and using language. The external exam comprises four sections, Reading (30 marks), Listening (20 marks), Writing (20 marks) and Speaking (30 marks) and is graded A-D.</p>