

## **French or German Higher and Advanced Higher**

### **Why take this course?**

Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is characterised by increasing mobility for study, leisure, business and trade. The possession of foreign language competence is therefore of great importance as it enables learners to access an increasing range of study and employment opportunities on a more equal footing with their counterparts from other countries.

### **To succeed in this course, you need...**

The Higher course is designed to follow directly from National 5 and the Advanced Higher to follow directly from Higher. The same contexts are covered with a higher degree of sophistication and therefore successful completion of the previous level is usually required.

### **Course structure and Content**

These contexts provide opportunities to examine contemporary issues as listed below:

- **Society** e.g. family structures, global citizenship, impact of the digital age, social influences and pressures.
- **Learning** e.g. university choice, lifelong learning, learning styles and advantages/disadvantages of higher or further education.
- **Employability and citizenship** e.g. planning for the future, career path, equality in the workplace and job opportunities.
- **Culture** e.g. travel, living in a multi-cultural society, traditions, customs and beliefs, literature and media of another country

### **Course Assessment (subject to change by SQA)**

#### **Higher:**

- **Assignment-** using detailed and complex languages you will produce a discursive essay based on one of the four contexts above ( 20 marks or 12.5% of total grade)
- **External Exam** – made up of three components:
  - Component 1-** reading, translation and directed writing (reading and translation 30 marks or 25%, directed writing 20 marks 12.5%)
  - Component 2-** listening (30 marks or 25%)
  - Component 3-** talking (30 marks or 12.5%)

#### **Advanced Higher:**

- **Internal or Unit assessment** comprising:
  - Understanding Language (tests of listening and reading);
  - Using Language (tests of talking and writing).
- **External Exam** – made up of four components:
  - Component 1-** reading and translation (50 marks)
  - Component 2-** listening and writing (70 marks)
  - Component 3 -** portfolio (30 marks)
  - Component 4 -** : talking, with an external examiner (30 marks)

### **Where might this course take me?**

The short answer is 'wherever you like!'

A Higher qualification in a foreign language is well regarded by many university admissions tutors and employers alike. There are many career paths which traditionally require foreign language skills such as:

- Tourist and hospitality industries
- Marketing

- Technology (including IT)
- Financial services
- Media
- Government
- Teaching
- Charity and voluntary work.