

## **French/German National 4 or National 5**

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

Learning a second language is beneficial in a variety of contexts– the most obvious being holidays, making friends, employment, and further study. Learning another language will give you an insight into new ways of thinking. You will develop literacy skills that will help you to understand and use your own language better, and to learn any other language you might one day need.

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

Usually pupils who take these courses are progressing from the BGE phase at level 3 or 4 for progression to National 4 or 5 respectively.

### **Course structure and Content**

At both levels the courses cover the four contexts listed below. The courses vary not only through the way they are assessed but also through the level of vocabulary and grammatical structure required.

Society – e.g. family and friends, relationships; lifestyles, leisure; food, health

Learning – e.g. school, studying, future plans

Employability and citizenship – e.g. comparing jobs, work experience; money; practical situations (in shops, hotels, at work etc.); environmental issues

Culture – e.g. TV, films, books, music, people and places in French/German-speaking countries; travel, transport and holidays; comparing countries

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

#### **Internal assessment National 4**

- Understanding Language (tests of listening and reading);
- Using Language (tests of talking and writing).

#### **Internal assessment National 5**

- Assignment – a piece of writing in the foreign language (20 marks)

#### **External Exam (National 5) – made up of three components:**

Component 1- reading and writing (30 + 20 marks)

Component 2- listening (20 marks)

Component 3- talking (30 marks)

Each skill, reading, listening, speaking and writing has an equal weighting 25% of the overall mark.

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

Language skills are generally seen as a shortage area in the workforce across the UK. Many employers expect to see a language qualification amongst those offered by a prospective candidate. Progression from National 5 can be to Higher, Advanced Higher and on to University where the language can often be studied alongside a wide variety of other subjects.