## Did you know?

- Studies show that learners who study languages have more academic success than those who don't.
- 65% of UK businesses value staff with language skills to help build relations with clients, customers and suppliers. French and German qualifications are currently most sought after.
- Many university courses now offer the opportunity to study a language alongside the main course (e.g. maths, sciences, engineering, law, marketing).
- According to research, on average, people who use languages in their jobs earn around 8% more!





## **Skill Development**

- Increases creativity
- Improves communication skills
- Improves analytical skills
- Strengthens your brain muscles
- Develops knowledge of your own language
- Brings school success
- Develops cultural awareness

# Why study languages at National 5 level?

## **Languages and Employability**

- Translating and Interpreting
- Education (now essential for primary teaching)
- Management/finance/marketing
- Government
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Politics
- Law
- Engineering
- Science

One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.

Frank Smith

(Psycholinguist)

## Why two languages?

The National 5 courses all follow the same structure and course outline so doing two languages together allows you to make connections between languages and ultimately improve language acquisition.

100% of our pupils passed their exam with grades A -D in all languages and at all levels.



Our S5/6 pupils have achieved 100% A-D passes in Higher Spanish for 6 years running.



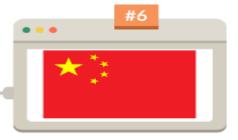
One of our S6 pupils was awarded the Scottish Languages Baccalaureate.



42% increase in the number of pupils sitting National 5 French compared to 2022.



81% of our S5/6 pupils passed Highers in French, or Spanish with a grade A or a grade B.



2023

RESULTS

100% of our S4 pupils passed National 5 Mandarin with a grade A or a grade B.



Our S4 pupils have achieved 100% A-D passes in National 5 Spanish for 6 years running.



100% of our S6 pupils sitting an Advanced Higher in French passed with grades A-C.



73% of pupils sitting National 5 German passed with a grade A.



77% of our pupils sitting National 5 French passed with a grade A.



## LANGUAGES RESULTS

Top 10 Exam Highlights

2024



100% of our pupils sitting Higher French passed their exam with a grade A.



Our S5/6 pupils have achieved 100% A-D passes in Higher Spanish for 7 years running.

(And this year was our largest H Spanish class ever!)



65 pupils were awarded the Languages for Life and Work Award at Level 5 and 37 pupils achieved the award at Level 6.



We had our highest number of pupils achieve a National 5 in French since 2015.



49 pupils were awarded an A grade in their National 5 French or Spanish and 28 of those were band 1.



100% of our pupils sitting Higher Mandarin passed with a grade A.



100% of our S4 pupils sitting National 5 Spanish passed with an A or a B.



100% of our S6 pupils sitting an Advanced Higher Language passed with an A or a B.



100% of pupils sitting National 5 or Higher German passed with grades A-D.



80% of our pupils sitting National 5 Spanish passed with a grade A.

# Buy one get one free!

Assessment:



## **SQA** National 5 Languages

Speaking - 25 %

- Assessed Internally
- 1-2 min presentation
- 5 min conversation

Listening – 25 %

- 1 monologue + 1 dialogue
- Each recording played 3 times with 1 minute interval in between recordings

Writing - 25 %

- Job Application (in exam) 6 Bullet Points (4 predictable, 2 unpredictable)
- Assignment (assessed internally) on topic of choice
- Each piece is worth 12.5%

Reading - 25 %

- 3 texts worth 10 marks each
- Dictionary

#### Society

- Family Relationships
- Leisure
- Health/ Illnesses
- TV/ Technology
- Town/ Region
- Environment
- Importance of Learning a Language

#### Learning

- School
- Education Systems

## **Employability**

- Part-time jobs
- Work Experience
  - Future Plans

## Culture

- Holidays
  - Literature/ Film/ Festival

## Modern Languages for Life and Work Award SCQF level 5

The Modern Languages for Life and Work Award at SCQF level 5 will develop knowledge and skills in areas such as society, culture and employability. Learners can specialise in one or two modern languages.

This qualification covers areas such as communication, self-awareness, confidence, leadership and independent learning.

Unit title	SQA credit	SCQF credit points	SCQF level
Modern Languages for Life	1	6	5
Modern Languages for Work Purposes	1	6	5
Leadership: an introduction	0.5	3	5