

Subject: Modern Languages

Level: Higher

Course Contents and Components	Tips for Success /study approaches
<p>The four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are tested in the Modern Language being studied. Each skill is worth 25%.</p> <p>The speaking and one of the two written papers are done in class. The writing assignment takes the form of a discursive essay, the topic will be prepared in class and pupils are actively encouraged to learn as many phrases for the topic as possible ahead of the assignment, as well as some good discursive essay phrases which the teacher will have provided for the class.</p> <p>The speaking exam, which takes place in March, consists of a 10 minute conversation on a minimum of two topic areas and pupils will be given the opportunity to have a run through – with feedback - ahead of the exam to ensure a solid performance on the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come to class with all of the materials required for the lesson, including the vocabulary booklet, reading booklet and grammar booklet.• Do homework on time and take on board any feedback given. Homework is issued weekly and essential for successful completion of the course. 2-3 hours per week is recommended.• Use Scholar for extra practice as this website is tailor made to the requirements of the Higher exam and is well put together with activities at different levels for each topic area.• Learn vocabulary each week, this will ensure a more confident performance in all skills and is essential to success in Modern Languages.• Try using different methods for learning. The look, cover, check method for memorising vocabulary as well as for memorising material for the different topics for the speaking exam is popular. Making flashcards with the French/Spanish on one side and English on the other is another successful method for memorising material.• Use a dictionary at home to complete reading and writing activities.• Practise doing reading past papers in timed conditions.• Do not use google translate, this is often inaccurate and counter-productive to improving writing skills. <div data-bbox="815 1615 1396 1653" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Key Dates</div> <p>The internal writing exam will be done before the Christmas holidays, Another chance to do the writing will be offered after the Christmas holidays if a pupil has been unsuccessful with the first writing assignment.</p> <p>There will be no prelim speaking exam, but pupils will be given plenty of time to prepare for the exam in class as well as many opportunities to practise for the oral exam.</p>

