

HIGHER MODERN LANGUAGES ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Which topics are covered at Higher?			What apps and websites can I use to support my learning?					
Society	Family and friends	becoming an adult family relationships and structures marriage/civil partnership/living as a couple	<p>What apps and websites can I use to support my learning?</p> <p>www.linguascope.com (vocabulary)</p> <p>www.languagehut.com (vocabulary, grammar, listening)</p> <p>www.languagesonline.org.uk (grammar and vocabulary)</p> <p>https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/courses/ (reading and listening)</p> <p>https://www.brightredbooks.net/subjects/higherfrench (reading and listening)</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z6gw2hv</p> <p>https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm</p> <p>https://letsachieve.co.uk/ (general revision)</p> <p>Duolingo</p> <p>Are there important dates of which I should be aware?</p> <p>Sept/Oct – Assessment 1</p> <p>Nov/Dec - Writing Assignment (12.5% of final grade)</p> <p>Jan – Assessment 2, Reading and Listening</p> <p>Feb/Mar – Final Speaking (25% of final grade)</p> <p>May – Final exam</p>					
	Lifestyle	teenage problems, for example smoking, drugs, alcohol, gang culture/bullying social influences and pressures						
	Media	impact of the digital age						
	Global languages	minority languages and their importance/association with culture						
Citizenship	global citizenship, democracy, politics power							
Learning	Learning in context	understanding self as a learner, learning styles importance of language learning						
	Education	advantages and/or disadvantages of higher or further education, choosing a university/college lifelong learning						
Employability	Jobs	getting a summer job, planning for future jobs higher education, gap year opportunities, career path, equality in the workplace						
	Work and CVs	preparing for a job interview importance of language in global contexts job opportunities						
Culture	Planning a trip	taking a gap year, working abroad, travel						
	Other countries	living in a multicultural society stereotypes, prejudice, racism						
	Celebrating a special event	role of traditions in different cultures customs and beliefs						
	Literature, Film and television	analysis and evaluation						
How is the course assessed?								
COMPONENT	DETAILS		LENGTH	MARKS	SCALED	%		
FINAL EXAM Paper 1:	Reading (20 marks)		2 hours	30 marks	30	25%		
	Translation (10 marks) Dictionary permitted							
Reading, Translation and Directed Writing	Directed Writing (20 marks) – write one essay (150-180 words) Dictionary permitted			20 marks	15	12.5%		
FINAL EXAM Paper 2:	Listening (20 marks) No dictionary.		30 mins	20 marks	30	25%		
INTERNAL EXAM: Talking	Talking (30 marks) –10 minute discussion on at least two of the contexts.		10 minutes	30 marks	30	25%		
INTERNAL EXAM: Writing Assignment	Writing Assignment - undertaken in class under exam conditions. Submitted to SQA for marking		Over several lessons	20 marks	15	12.5%		
What resources do I need? Resources from lessons (One Note and Teams) Dictionary (you have been given a dictionary for the academic year - to returned after the final exam). Login details to essential websites (above)			What else can I do to improve? Go over vocabulary and grammar regularly Read and listen to MFL as much as possible (playlists, TV programmes/films/current affairs etc) Go over work covered in class Watch MFL films/programmes Practise speaking (reading transcripts aloud) Practise using your dictionary for classwork and homework Use the apps and websites above regularly Use the past papers listening files as dictations, gap-fills, translation tasks					
Where can I find more information about the writing exam and assignment? The SQA Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded. https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/								
Where do I find the past papers? These are on One Note but you will also find past papers back to 2018 on the SQA site. https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm			How do I ensure top marks? Set yourself an aspirational target grade and detail exactly what you're going to do to achieve this and keep referring to this Keep up-to-date with your homework Give yourself lots of time to prepare for the speaking exam Work consistently throughout the year					
Where do I find more information about the course? https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45669.html								