



Winchburgh Academy

National 4 Spanish

Course Overview

The National 4 Modern Languages course provides candidates with opportunities to continue to acquire and develop the attributes and capabilities of the four capacities as well as skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

The study of a modern language has a unique contribution to make to the development of cultural awareness, as it provides learners with a means of communicating directly with people from different cultures, enhancing their understanding and enjoyment of other cultures and of their own. They gain insights into other ways of thinking and other views of the world and therefore develop a much richer understanding of active citizenship. Learners encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. Building on the four capacities, the Course enables learners to communicate, be critical thinkers, develop cultural awareness, and be creative.

Candidates should have studied Spanish in S3 prior to starting this course.

Skills Development

the Course aims to enable learners to develop the ability to:

- read, listen, talk and write in a modern language
- understand and use a modern language
- apply knowledge of a modern language
- plan, research and apply language skills

The Course contributes towards the development of literacy skills by providing learners with opportunities to read, listen, talk and write in a modern language, and to reflect on how this relates to English.

Course Units

The National 5 Modern Languages course includes the following units – society, learning, employability and culture.

Assessment Overview

The National 4 Spanish course is assessed in school through three mandatory units:

- Understanding Language (reading and listening)
- Using Language (talking and writing)
- Added Value Unit (applying language skills to investigate a chosen topic in a familiar context)