

CAREERS INFORMATION



Career Areas

Languages are useful in many business sectors:

- Hospitality and Tourism
- Engineering / oil and gas
- Financial sector
- Marketing and global sales
- Science and conservation
- Secretarial / business management
- Journalism / broadcasting
- Sports
- The Arts
- Teaching
- Interpreting / translating
- Diplomatic service / Armed forces

OTHER INFORMATION

STAFF

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Modern Languages

National 5 French



English is NOT enough!

Together we must help Scotland's youngsters realise that "English is enough" is a dangerously misleading myth. Modern Languages Excellence Report

(SCILT, 2011)



TURRIFF ACADEMY

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Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.

INFORMATION

Why choose to continue to study languages?

As well as being a fun and motivating experience, learning languages boosts brainpower. Learning a language can help provide:

- A better understanding of their mother tongue, which in turn has a positive effect on literacy.
- Intercultural understanding,
- Empathy, tolerance and appreciation of diversity.
- Better critical thinking skills

Learning a language can delay the symptoms of dementia by up to five years, as well as aid recovery after a stroke.

- and is very good for business.

Why FRENCH?

French is the only language other than English spoken on five continents. French and English are the only two global languages. French, along with English, is the official working language of :

- The United Nations
- The International Olympic Committee
- The International Red Cross
- The Council of Europe
- The European Court of Justice

Purpose of the National 5 course

This course offers you the opportunity to develop detailed language skills in meaningful contexts of culture, society, learning and work. You will read, listen, talk and write in French, and reflect how this relates to English. You will also learn to understand how language works and how to get across information and ideas. You will study a wide range of different types of texts in different media. You will

Course Outline

Entry to the course

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **CfE Level 4 French**
- **National 4 French**

Content of the course

In this course you will develop your reading and listening skills in French through the study of different texts in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture. The units are the same as those for **National 4** but you will have to produce a higher standard of work.

You will also develop your writing and talking skills on the same four contexts and an understanding of more detailed language structures.

ASSESSMENT

Course Assignment—Writing

You will produce a piece of writing of 120-150 words, in French, using detailed language, on one of the contexts of Society, Learning or Culture. This will be produced in class, and you will be given the opportunity to improve your work. The assignment is marked externally by the SQA.

> The assignment is worth 12.5% of the final grade.

Course Assessment — Performance, Talking

You will carry out a presentation of 1-2 minutes and a conversation of 5-6 minutes, in French, covering at least two of the contexts (Society, Learning, Employability and Culture). The presentation and conversation will be prepared in class. The talking performance exam is carried out in school and marked by the class teacher, subject to verification by the SQA.

> The Talking is worth 25% of the final grade.

SQA Examinations

You will sit external SQA examinations on:

FURTHER COURSES IN TURRIFF ACADEMY

In S4/5/6:

Higher French
Advanced Higher French

National 4 German
National 5 German
Higher German
Advanced Higher German

PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **further study and training** (French Higher)
- **employment opportunities** (see over)
- or simply the **enjoyment of a fuller cultural and linguistic experience** when travelling in a French speaking country.

The reality of today's world of work

- ⇒ Only 6% of world population are native English speakers. 75% don't speak English at all
- ⇒ Language skills are needed at all levels in the workforce, and not simply by an internationally mobile elite.
- ⇒ Only around one third of businesses have no need at all for foreign language skills in their employees – and this is likely to decrease in future. (SCILT)
- ⇒ The French are leading manufacturers of TV sets, electronic equipment and also cars
- ⇒ The French are furthermore leaders in medical genetics, aerospace and research on high energy physics.
This provides unlimited career opportunities on our door step.