

## 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

Miss Grenet - PT Faculty  
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### English is NOT enough!

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

## Modern Languages

## Higher German



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 GERMAN?

German is an official language in Austria, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, eastern France, northern Italy and eastern Belgium. It is also an important second language in many Eastern European countries.

German is the number one language required by UK businesses according to research by the British Council.

Germany, Austria and Switzerland are also popular tourist destinations—for skiing, cruises on the River Rhine, city breaks.

## Purpose of Higher German course:

This course offers you the opportunity to further develop your language skills in meaningful contexts of culture, society, learning and work. You will study a wide range of different types of texts in different media. You will learn how to use detailed and complex language and will further develop your critical thinking skills,

# Course Outline

## Entry Requirements

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

**German National 5** at grades A or B

## Content of the course

In this course you will develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in German in the contexts of Society, Learning, Employability and Culture.

You will learn to understand and use detailed and complex language, and will need a good understanding of grammar, particularly using different tenses.

Higher pupils are expected to regularly support their learning in class with revision and practice at home, and should be able to work independently.

# ASSESSMENT

## **Course Assignment—Writing**

You will produce a piece of discursive writing of 200-250 words, in German, using detailed and complex language, in response to a stimulus in English. This will be prepared, and carried out 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**

Candidates take part in a discussion with the teacher in German, covering at least 2 of the contexts above. You will be required to answer questions using detailed and complex language, giving opinions. The discussion lasts around 10 minutes. The talking performance exam is carried out in school and marked by the class teacher, subject to verification by the SQA. It is worth 25% of the final grade.

## **SQA Examinations**

You will sit external examinations, marked by the SQA on:

# FURTHER COURSES IN TURRIFF ACADEMY

## In S4/5/6:

Advanced Higher German

National 4 French

National 5 French

Higher French

Advanced Higher French

# PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **further study and training** ( German Advanced Higher, YASS Open University modules)
- **University courses** in Modern Languages. Also: German can be studied as a second subject along with many other courses at Scottish universities
- **employment opportunities** (see over)

## 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)
- ◇ Germany is Scotland's fourth largest overseas market with sales of £1.9 billion in 2016. (news.gov.scot)
- ◇ Germany is the third largest source of foreign direct investment into Scotland, with 155 German-owned companies employing nearly 18,000 people.