

Advanced Higher Modern Languages

Internal Assessment

Pupils must pass Internal Assessments in Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. These will be done in class time and pupils will always be given at least one weeks' notice prior to sitting assessments.

Unit Assessments	Task
Reading	Read text in French/German/Spanish and answer questions in English
Listening	Listen to spoken language in French/German/Spanish and answer questions in English
Speaking	Take part in a discussion with the class teacher on a chosen topic. To complete the assessment, this should last for around 10 minutes *
Writing	300-400 word essay in French/German/Spanish.
Specialist Study	Develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills to undertake a study based on media or literature.

We aim to have these four assessments completed by March.

* However to help prepare students for the final oral exam, questions may last for a **further** 10 minutes.

External Assessment

Speaking: Pupils will sit their final speaking assessment in March and makes up 25% (50 marks) of the final mark. This takes the form of a discussion of approximately 20 minutes and will make reference to the Specialist Study and the Portfolio topics. It is carried out with an external examiner.

Portfolio: Pupils will prepare 1 piece of writing in English, of 1200-1500 words and this makes up 15% (30 marks) of the final mark. The essay will focus on analysis of media or literature in the context of the language and will be closely related to the specialist study unit.

For the essay it is important that students include footnotes and a bibliography, with at least 3 sources to back up their work. This is submitted to the SQA for marking in March.

In May, pupils will sit 2 exam papers.

Paper 1	Reading and translation (50 marks)
Paper 2	Listening and Discursive Writing (70 Marks)

Homework

Pupils can expect to have reading comprehensions and/or writing homework to complete every week. Pupils must also read a chapter of the novel each week, in preparation for class and their portfolio work. Each week, pupils will be expected to prepare language for their classes with the language assistant. In the run up to the speaking assessment, there will be more focus on preparing for the oral as homework. In addition, vocabulary learning and the learning of grammar rules should be carried out at home regularly each week.