**SPANISH ADVANCED HIGHER**

**CONTENT**

The Advanced Higher Spanish course is made up of three mandatory units and a course assessment. The three units are:

1. Understanding Language: This unit provides you with the opportunity to develop and extend reading and listening skills in Spanish and to develop your knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.
2. Using Language: This unit provides you with the opportunity to develop and extend talking and writing skills in Spanish and to develop your knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated language in the contexts mentioned above.
3. Specialist Study: This unit provides you with the opportunity to develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills in order to undertake an independent specialist study based on literature or media or language in work.

**INTERNAL ASSESSMENT**

To be eligible to sit the external assessment at the end of the course, you must pass the three units. You will sit the unit assessments once sufficient work has been completed. The units are assessed on a pass/fail basis.

**EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT**

The course assessment will take the form of a performance through which you will demonstrate your talking skills, a portfolio through which you will demonstrate your analytical skills and a question paper through which you will demonstrate your reading, translation, writing and listening skills. The course assessment is graded A-D. The grade is determined on the basis of the total mark for all course assessments together. The structure of the course assessment is as follows:

Components 1 & 2 Question Paper Reading and Translation 50 marks

Components 3 & 4 Question Paper Listening and Discursive Writing 70 marks

Component 5 Portfolio Analytical Writing 30 marks

Component 6 Performance Talking 50 marks

**HOMEWORK**

Learning a language requires time and effort, especially at Advanced Higher level. Time will have to be devoted to developing language skills as well as preparation for assessments.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Higher Spanish at Grade A or B