**SPANISH HIGHER**

**CONTENT**

The purpose of the Higher Spanish course is to provide you with the opportunity to develop and extend reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Spanish and to develop your knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

**ASSESSMENT**

To gain the award for the course, you must pass all of the course assessments. The course assessments are graded A - D. The grade is determined on the basis of the total mark for all course assessments together.

**EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT**

The course assessment will take the form of an assignment through which you will demonstrate your writing skills, a performance through which you will demonstrate your talking skills and two question papers through which you will demonstrate your reading, writing and listening skills, in Spanish.

The structure of the course assessment is as follows:

Components 1 & 2 Question Paper Reading and Directed Writing 50 marks

Component 3 Question Paper Listening 20 marks

Component 4 Assignment Writing 20 marks

Component 5 Performance Talking 30 marks

**HOMEWORK**

Learning a language requires time and effort. Learning new vocabulary, grammar and structures is an important part of the course and this will be the main focus of homework. Reading or writing tasks will be set throughout the course and time will also have to be devoted to preparation for assessments.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You should have a very good understanding of the work covered during the National 5 Spanish course and you should have also done well in any assessments you completed.