

BGE 3rd Year

Department: Modern Languages

BGE Course: French/Spanish/Italian

Brief Description of Course:

- Learning other languages can help tremendously with career prospects, understanding of different ways of life, people and cultures. Moreover, language learning also enhances understanding of how language and grammar work both in mother tongue and the additional language. Through studying a Modern Language in S3 learners will cover a range of level 3 and level 4 experiences and outcomes.
- In S3 French/Italian or Spanish learners will develop the skills of talking, listening, reading and writing to allow them to communicate with others and grow in confidence in using the new language.
- To enhance listening skills pupils will have opportunity to watch a Modern Languages film—either in class or at the cinema. Moreover, they will use ICT resources in class in order to individualise their learning
- To enhance writing skills most pupils will have the opportunity to exchange letters/ email/ video conferencing with a young person in another country.

There will also be the opportunity to take part in exchange programmes and trips.

Transition from BGE to Senior Phase:

The S3 courses Modern Languages BGE course directly links to the knowledge content covered in the National 4 and National 5 courses. The core skills of communication developed in S3 BGE will be further developed in S4.

Assessment Strategies:

Pupils will be assessed using a variety of formal and informal methods. Pupils will be given feedback on their progress through learning conversations with their teacher where they will discuss how best to achieve their targets in Modern Languages. Each unit assessment will also be used to provide summative information on the learners' progress. Students will also build up a portfolio of progress through their work on penpal letters and work carried out in the ICT suite.

Pupil Commitment:

Written and learning homework will be given regularly, and you will be expected to have access to a French dictionary at home to help you with your homework. Regular revision of what is taught in class is important so that you are always well prepared for assessments.