

Online language NQ courses for school pupils with Edinburgh College 2023/24

Advanced Higher and Higher: French, German, Italian and Spanish

National 5: French, German and Spanish

These online courses can be accessed across Scotland and all Scottish school pupils qualify for a full fee waiver.

Exam arrangements: Though enrolled with Edinburgh College, pupils still sit their exams at their own school (including the Adv Higher speaking exam).

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Advantages of online learning:

- Guided self-study promotes **independent learning skills**
- **Flexible:** pupils work at their own pace while still following the recommended timeline
- **Focused:** regular assignment submission and individual feedback
- **Engaging:** dynamic, interactive and collaborative

How does open learning work?

Pupils get access to **Moodle**, Edinburgh College's online platform, on which they can work their way through a wealth of language activities following the suggested timeline. Answers to the tasks are provided for self-correction. Pupils regularly submit formative assignments and receive feedback.

Alongside the guided self-study, there are weekly group classes and also regular individual tutorials on Microsoft Teams to support our learners.

Group sessions allow participants to:

- Review homework tasks
- Ask questions
- Improve grammatical and methodological skills
- Meet pupils from other schools

Individual/small group tutorials enable pupils to:

- Rapidly build speaking confidence
- Put grammatical and lexical knowledge into practice
- Refine pronunciation and intonation

Group sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for Higher Spanish and Adv Higher French. Class time decided based on pupils' availabilities for all the other courses and for individual sessions.

Current and previous student testimonials:

I feel that my language skills have developed greatly due to the enjoyable way in which you have delivered the course. (Adam, Higher, Tain Royal Academy)

The course was interesting, and we were all regularly interacted with during the lessons. I'm more confident with my speaking and listening skills, and my vocabulary has significantly expanded. Learning was just as easy online as it would be in person. Moodle was very useful, and every section had large vocabulary lists which made studying easier and less stressful, as finding study materials was simple and straightforward. (Megan, Adv Higher, The James Young High School)

There was a good balance of individual and group sessions. There was homework to do every week, which helped me get to grips with whatever we were learning. Although I expected it to be difficult online, I found breakout rooms and group/paired homework tasks were good opportunities to meet and work with pupils from other schools. (Luke, Adv Higher, The Royal High School)

Overall, it has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Not only has my French improved massively, but I have developed a multitude of skills from doing this course, such as organisation, communication and self-motivation. (Adam, Adv Higher, Broxburn Academy)

I am so glad I chose to prepare my Spanish Advanced Higher exam online at Edinburgh College. Staff have given me great support, I have thoroughly enjoyed it all. This has given me great confidence in the language. I would do it again! (Alex, Adv Higher, Balerno HS)

It was fun having lessons together on Teams. I liked your care and thoroughness in what you taught: not just the syllabus but also idioms and recommendations about what to watch online to improve our French. The joint essays we wrote in the Breakout Rooms helped my teamworking skills. (Grace, Adv Higher, home-schooled)

Learning a language online was certainly a different experience, but I think I learnt lots and gained more skills than I would have by just doing it in a classroom. I am now more open-minded to different ways of working. (Jennifer, Adv Higher, Peebles High School)

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