

## French Oral Course

### Higher Level Students

Our intensive Leaving Cert Oral one day courses will provide thorough preparation for the Leaving Cert French Oral examination. The aim of the course is to help students to become more confident speaking and understanding spoken French.

The following key areas will be covered to enhance oral proficiency:

- Building Vocabulary / Idiomatic phrases. (Vocabulary is worth 20% of the total marks for the French oral)
- Improving Pronunciation. (Pronunciation is worth 20% of the total marks for the French oral)
- Revision of the main tenses and grammar points used at the oral exam.
- Tips to enhance communication skills.
- Key questions and sample answers for all topics.
- Abstract topics.
- Effective presentation of a document.
- Listening to sample Oral exams on CD.

## Scrúdú Béil na hArdteiste

### Ardleibhéal Gaeilge

#### Beannú/Fáiltiú:

A quick overview of the 5 questions asked here in the exam.

#### Léamh na Filíochta

Tips on how to approach the poetry reading in the exam. Practice the poetry reading and a copy of the poems with phoenetics will be given on the day.

#### Na Sraith Pictiúir:

- Overview of the 20 sraith pictiúir.
- Useful frásaí/nathanna/seanfhocail that can be applied to the sraith pictiúir.
- Tips on how best to approach the interaction element of the sraith pictiúir.
- Help with using questions/questioning

#### An Cómhra:

Topics will include:

- Mé Féin agus mo Chlann
- Mo Cheantar
- Mo Chaitheamh Aimsire
- Mo Scoil
- An Bhliain Seo Chugainn
- Garim Beatha
- Laethanta Saoire/ An Ghaeltacht
- Na Suíomhanna Sóisialta
- Todhhaí na Gaeilge
- Saol an Duine Óg
- Cúrsaí Reatha

Key terms that can be used for the oral will be given as well as key phrases for each topic.

#### Other

- Grammar notes and pointers will be given throughout the day.
- Students will be made aware of the most common mistakes that occur in the oral exam and how to best avoid them.
- Notes and important phrases for each of the topics will be given to the students on the day.

**As with all our Oral Courses, detailed note packs will be given to each student.**

## German Oral Course

### Higher Level Students

The German oral exam is worth 25% of the marks at Higher Level, and thus it is imperative that students enter the exam as well prepared as possible. Gaining a good mark in this section of the exam is not difficult, and serves as a very good foundation upon which to prepare for the written and listening paper.

The oral exam is divided into three parts: general conversation, the 5 role plays and the 5 picture stories (students choose one). In all three areas, marks are awarded for both **content** (i.e. answering the question) and **accuracy** (grammar and language proficiency).

This course focuses on the following areas:

- **General Conversation Themes:** There are approximately 8 key themes of critical importance in this section of the exam. Students are given sample answers and are advised on how to guide the conversation to what they have prepared.
- **Role Plays:** Students are given useful resources to help them perform the 5 required tasks for each role play and to master the content.
- **Picture Stories:** A wide range of vocabulary is important here, and students are advised on how to prepare for the story, description and 'further questions'.
- **Grammar and Accuracy:** Students will be asked a question which requires an answer in the *past tense*. Prepositions, cases and conjunctions are also key areas which students should master.
- **Useful Phrases:** Students will be provided with phrases to help them achieve full expression marks.

**Common Mistakes:** Students will be informed of some of the most common pitfalls in the exam and how to avoid them