





GCSE French and German

What will I study?

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle	Theme 2: Popular Culture	Theme 3: Communication & World Around Us
Identity and relationships with others Healthy living and lifestyle Education and work 	Free-time activities Customs, festivals and celebrations Celebrity culture  	Travel and tourism, including places of interest  Media and technology The environment and where people live

How will I be assessed?

There are four exams at the end of the course, in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each exam is worth 25% of your overall grade. You are entered for the same tier, Foundation (F) or Higher (H), for all four papers.



Listening: (2 tasks) listening comprehension (answer in English), dictation



Speaking: (3 tasks) role play, reading aloud, photocard discussion



Reading: (2 tasks) reading comprehension (answer in English), translation from German to English



Writing Foundation: (5 tasks) write 5 sentences to describe a photo, 50-word writing task, 5 grammar questions, translation (German to English), 90-word writing task

Writing Higher: (3 tasks) translation English to German (50 words), 90-word writing task, 150-word writing task

Why should I study a language at GCSE?



1. Languages give you the edge - “Language skills are very sought after by employers,” says economist Pawel Adrjan. GCSE or A Level qualifications in languages open doors for traditional careers but also in digital marketing, social media and sales.

2. Languages boost confidence.



3.

Speaking a second language teaches you communication, presentation and soft skills that help you to connect to your audience more. All these transferable skills will give your overall confidence levels a boost, regardless of the scenario.



4. What skills do I learn?

Learning a language can build your communication, interpersonal, intercultural, and public speaking skills - otherwise known as 'soft skills'. Some studies have also shown that learning another language can improve your ability to multi-task and block out distractions. That would definitely come in handy during exam revision...

