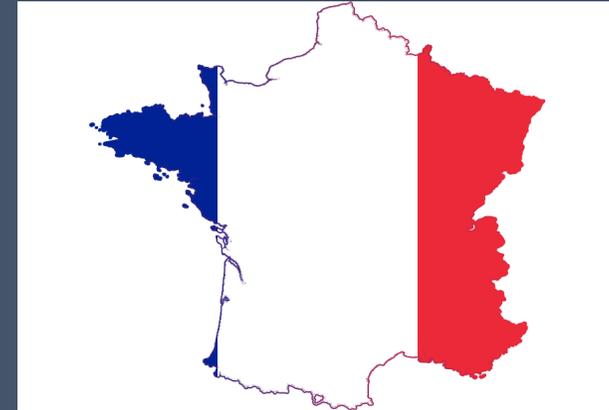


GCSE Languages (French and German)



Why Should I Study a Language at GCSE?

- It's fun!
- It's a skill for life which will help you to travel, make friends abroad and view the world differently.
- It is a subject which is highly valued by both employers and universities.
- You will stand out from the crowd! You will be part of the 25% of the UK population who can hold a conversation in another language.
- You will have the opportunity to take part in our two Exchanges to Grenoble and Bad Wurzach.



Our French and German Exchanges



New Specification

- This GCSE specification is new.
- It has been re-worked in order to make it more accessible to students and to help you enjoy your language GCSE experience even more.
- That means the GCSE exams you sit in French and/or German will not be the same as any older friends or family members you know.
- The first exams for this GCSE are in 2026 (teaching from 2024)

What Will I Study for GCSE French/German?

family	friends	relationships	equality
physical well-being	mental well-being	food and drink	sports
places in town	shopping	transport	the natural world
environmental issues	social media and gaming	future opportunities (e.g. work, travel)	school
music	TV and film	accommodation	tourist attractions

Some familiar topics from Key Stage 3 will be revisited, but there will be some brand new topics too!

How Will I Be Assessed for Languages?



- There are 4 exams at the end of year 11
- They are all equally weighted
- The Speaking Exam is recorded with your teacher
- You will be entered for Foundation Tier (grades 1-5) or Higher Tier (grades 5-9)



What Will French/German Lessons Be Like?

- Mixed ability classes like other options subjects
- Lots of variety (mix of 4 skills every lesson)
- Vocabulary – Kahoot, Quizlet, Active Learn, Vocab tests
- Grammar – very important at GCSE!
- Pronunciation – consolidating rules learnt at KS3
- Culture – films, songs, videos, authentic materials

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I'm not sure if I should take a language...
2. I'm not sure which language to choose...
3. Can I do both Languages?
4. I'm fluent in French/German – what shall I choose?
5. I'm fluent in another language – can I take a GCSE in this?

How Do I Find Out More Details?



- Speak to Mrs McGarrick (French), Mrs Arnold (German)
- Email Mrs McGarrick at mcgarrickt@wallingfordschool.com
- Speak to older students who are already taking the course