

GCSE French/German/Spanish Examination Board: AQA
Specification No: French 4655
German 4665 Spanish 4695

Why choose to study GCSE French, German or Spanish?

To develop the ability to use the language effectively for communication in practical, everyday situations while at the same time increasing the pupils' understanding and knowledge of the target speaking country and their way of life.

What will I learn?

The course will involve the study of authentic materials and will equip the pupil with the vocabulary and expressions needed to react naturally to the normal, everyday situations encountered during a stay abroad. The three core sections will be:

- i) Understanding of the spoken language
- ii) Spoken language
- iii) Understanding of the written language

In addition to this, all pupils will acquire a basic ability to write in the language for practical purposes, e.g. writing letters, jotting down notes for a French friend, passing on messages. They will also have to produce two pieces of assessed writing of 200 words over the two years.

In the classroom, the pupil will be using a wide variety of authentic material - menus, radio broadcasts etc. By exposing the pupil to so much "real" and useful language, we hope to give him an accurate picture and appreciation of life in the target language country and an understanding of a different way of living.

All pupils will be able to enhance their competence in the Language Centre where a range of target language resources are available. This will help in preparation for the two, teacher assessed, speaking assignments which take place throughout the course.

Though there are no compulsory trips, we hope that pupils opting for these subjects at GCSE level will take advantage of the exchange visits and trips offered, so as to practise their language skills in the country itself.

How is GCSE French, German or Spanish assessed?

There are four skill areas:

Listening - 20%

Reading – 20%

Speaking - 30% (controlled assessment, internally assessed, externally moderated)

Writing - 30% (controlled assessment, internally assessed, externally moderated)

Where will GCSE French, German or Spanish lead?

| Course progression | Career opportunities |
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| AS/A2 GCE , University Erasmus Gap year abroad | For those who want to specialise in language, there's translation or teaching. Or maybe you want to work in the travel and tourism industry. But even as, say, an engineer or designer, being proficient in a language will give you broader career options. |

What do students say about GCSE French, German or Spanish?

"It is a hard GCSE, but has helped with my other subjects as it helps me to write and understand the structure of English".

"It has helped me to understand other cultures and you can make friends with people in other countries".

"People who speak another language get better jobs and you need a language to get into a decent university".