

Subject: (AQA) French/German

Introduction

What do the following all have in common? Angelina Jolie, Bradley Cooper, Emma Watson, Hugh Grant, J.K Rowling, Johnny Depp, Kylie Minogue, Jodie Foster, Justin Bieber, Madonna, Natalie Portman, Orlando Bloom, Hugh Jackman. They all speak a foreign language.

Want to stand out from the crowd, understand your own language even better, increase your brain capacity and have a better memory too? Keep calm and continue to study a second language!

Languages work well alongside all subjects and can open many doors for you in the future. Imagine 6 months studying Engineering at a university in Munich, working for the tourist board in Paris, doing a ski season in the Alps, a gap year doing voluntary work in French speaking countries in Africa - a GCSE in French or German will be a stepping stone towards this being a reality.

The ability to communicate is an important life skill whatever path you take and this is the foundation of learning a modern foreign language. Studying GCSE French or German can lead you on to learning other languages and is highly valuable to business and industry in Great Britain. A qualification in languages is highly regarded in the academic world and, at a time when there is an acute shortage of people who speak a second language, enhances your employment prospects. Learning another language is also an insight into another culture: its music, art, film, literature and ways of thinking.

Aims of the Subject

To develop your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills across a range of topics ensuring that you can understand and express ideas and opinions in a clear and detailed way.

Types of Work

You will develop further the skills of reading, speaking, listening and writing so that you can better understand the French or German language. You will do grammar work, vocabulary learning and be expected to undertake work from memory. In class you will work in pairs, groups and on your own when working with texts, doing listening tasks or producing longer more detailed responses to questions.

Assessment

This is examined across all four skill areas; listening, reading, speaking and writing. All four skills will be examined at the end of Year 11 and are equally weighted at 25% of your overall mark.

Useful Resources and Further Information

See your MFL teacher for further details.