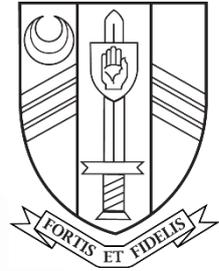


FRENCH / **GERMAN** **GCSE**



The main aims of the course are:

To enable you to use French or German effectively for practical communication in a range of contexts and to develop your knowledge and understanding of countries where French or German is spoken. Studying French or German to GCSE also provides a sound basis for further study of the language.

Most pupils who have studied two languages in Key Stage 3 will continue with at least one language to GCSE depending on which pathway they are following. They may choose to continue with either French or German or may opt to study both languages, choosing the second language from the option blocks. Pupils who have studied only French in Key Stage 3 may opt to continue to GCSE level.

The course involves studying the following areas:

As at Key Stage 4, there are the 4 skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. These are studied within the contexts

- Identity and culture
- Local and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment

You will continue to learn vocabulary and will develop your knowledge and understanding of grammar, so that you can communicate in both spoken and written French or German. You will be able to give full descriptions and accounts as well as opinions.

The main reasons for choosing this are:

You already have a good grounding in the basics of the language and will be able to build on this and so increase your chances of success. You will be able to communicate with millions of people in the world who speak the language and it is a valuable skill when looking for employment, particularly with the many companies which have trade links with Europe. Many universities prefer pupils to have a qualification in a modern language, especially the top-flight universities. The introduction of the English Baccalaureate has highlighted the importance of studying a modern language.

The scheme of assessment is:

- A listening exam (worth 25%)
- A reading exam (worth 25%)
- A speaking exam (worth 25%)
- A writing exam (worth 25%)

Course requirements are:

An interest in languages and their place in helping us to communicate with others in our world. Motivation is very important, especially if you are choosing to study both French and German. You will be expected to buy a GCSE level dictionary and a revision guide.

You can obtain further information from Mrs K. Smith or any MFL teacher.