

GCSE German/ French/Spanish Information



The NEW Course

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus:

GCSE German (8662)

GCSE French (8652)

GCSE Spanish (8692)

Theme 1: People an	d Lifestyle		
Identity and	Healthy living and	Education and	
relationships with	lifestyle	work	
others			
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Theme 2: Local, Nat	ional, International	, Global	1
Free time activities	Customs, festivals	Celebrity culture	
	and celebrations		
Theme 3: Current &	Future Study and E	mployment	
Travel and	Media and	The environment	
tourism, including places of interest	technology	and where people	
		live	

Assessment Structure 2025

- There are 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which will be assessed for the GCSE.
- Each skill is worth 25%.
- Listening, reading and writing will be assessed via exams in June.
- Speaking exam will be conducted by the class teacher, then sent away to be marked externally.
- Entry levels foundation (1-5) or higher (4-9) for the terminal exams.

	Paper	Assessment
		Foundation – 35 mins + 5 mins reading time Higher – 45 mins + 5 mins reading time.
	1 – Listening	Section A - questions and answers in English
d	2 – Speaking	 Section B – dictation – transcribe short sentences Foundation – 7-9 mins, Higher – 10-12 mins, both 15 mins prep time Role-play card task Read aloud task
,		 Photo card task + unprepared conversation
s. d ed	3 – Reading	 Foundation – 45 mins, Higher – 60 mins Section A – questions and answers in English Section B – Translation from French/German/Spanish to English
e ss ⁄ay	4 - Writing	 Foundation – 70 mins Photo – 5 sentences (marked for communication only) 50 word piece (5 bullet prompts) 5 short grammar tasks – complete the sentence with correct word. Translation of sentences Eng into Fr/Gm/Sp, min 35 words 90 word piece – choice of 2 (3 bullet prompts) Higher – 75 mins Translation of sentences Eng into Fr/Gm/Sp, min 50 words 90 word piece – choice of 2 (same as F task) (3 bullet prompts) 150 word piece – choice of 2 (OE piece, 2 compulsory bullets)



Upcoming Assessments

- The Year 10 mock exams will be in summer term.
- The Year 11 mock exams will be later in November.
- Year 11 speaking tests in early February.
- Year 11 extra sessions Spanish on Tuesdays, German on Wednesday, French on Fridays.
- Speaking mocks around early February, real speaking exams in April.
- Speaking will be conducted with the class teacher.
- All mocks marked by the class teacher.
- All final GCSE exams marked externally.

How can I help as a parent? MFL

- -Regularly encourage the learning of vocabulary.
- -Encourage /nag about regular use of

Quizlet/Memrise/languagesonline.org.uk/linguascope/Duolingo/Bitesize.

- -Ask what vocab they have to learn at the moment.
- -Encourage them to take their vocab book with them on journeys.
- -Test them from their vocab book.
- -Ask them to tell you what they need to do to get a Level 5 in speaking/writing.
- -Ask them to explain to you the grammar.
- -Ask them to show you how to pronounce the language.
- -Ask them to tell you a list of reading/listening/writing strategies.
- -Ask them to tell you what they are finding the best ways for them personally to learn are.
- -Encourage practice of the 4 skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) using internet sites, DVDs, video clips, booklets and the advice given on FROG.
- -Ask them to show you on YouTube which French/German/Spanish singers/songs they like.
- -Encourage the use of Wordreference.com (a free online dictionary) and NOT Google Translate.
- -Encourage grammar practice using the grammar and avocado booklets, and asking the teacher for help if they don't quite get it.
- -Encourage completion of independent work from purple (French)/ yellow (German) /red (Spanish) folder and completion of log sheet.
- -Encourage attendance of after-school speaking and grammar sessions offered.

Tips for success

- Learn vocabulary via the vocabulary booklet in your independent work folder and Quizlet.
- Revise and practise applying grammatical rules, via grammar covered in class and the grammar booklets in your independent work folder.
- Use GCSE Bitesize, Seneca, Linguascope and the AQA website.
- Practise skills:

Listening – Youtube – watch the series Extra, change the language on a favourite DVD and add English subtitles. Slowly read out news:

newinslowfrench.com/newsinslowgerman.com/newsinslowspanish.com

Speaking – use the speaking booklet in your independent work folder to practise.

Reading - Go to www.ljour1actu.com for French www.kruschel.de for German to find news articles at a similar level of French/German to Newsround in English.

Writing – use the writing and translation booklets in your independent folder to work through example tasks.

Resources and Support



✓ AQA French or German online course 'Studio' /'Stimmt' / 'Viva'







✓ AQA 'Studio'/ 'Stimmt' / 'Viva' grammar and translation workbook.







✓ Quizlet/Memrise.





✓ School produced booklets for vocabulary, grammar, avocado, speaking and writing. Log of

independent work.



GRAMMAR











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Sample Writing Questions Foundation and Higher

Teck	Date
Role play 1/10	
Role play 2/11	
Role play 3/12	
Role play 4/13	
Role play 5/14	
Role play 6/15	
Role play 7/16	
Role play 9/17	
Role play 9/16	
Photo card A/J	
Pheto card 8/K	
Photo card C/L	
Plieto card D/M	
Photo card E/N	
Pheto card F/O	
Photo card G/P	
Photo card H/Q	
Photo card I/R	
General conversation questions - theme 1	
General conversation questions - theme 2	
General conversation questions - theme 3	

✓ FROG – MFL site.

✓ Seneca.



✓ Internet sites, DVDs and video clips.

Commitment

"I'm going to go on Quizlet for half an hour every two days!"

The Daffodil experiment



Cornell University sells daffodils to raise money for charity. The students are motivated (it is for a good cause), have easy access to them (they are on sale everywhere on campus) and they are cheap (they only cost one dollar).

One year, the College surveyed the students and more than eight out of ten (83%) students said they would buy two!

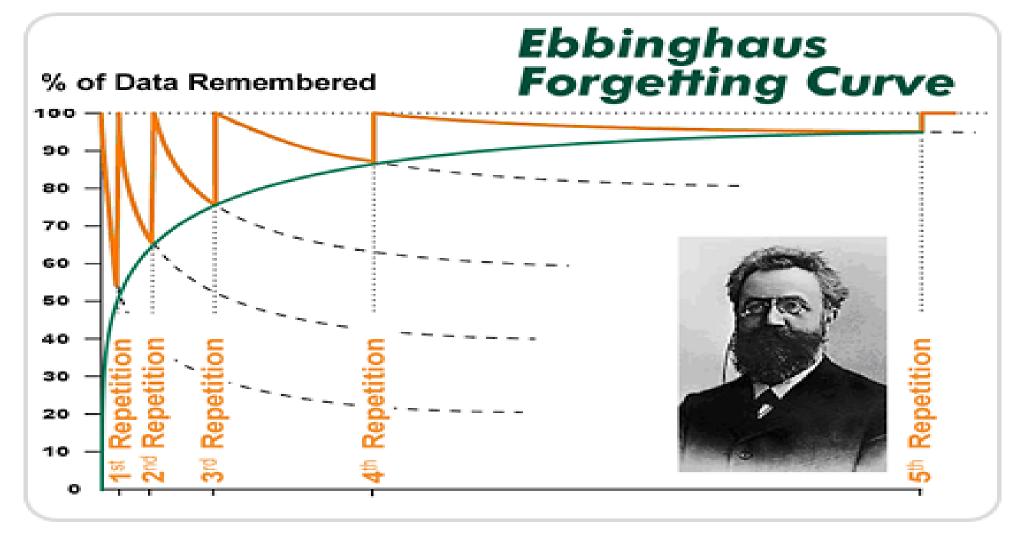


The reality?



The Importance of Commitment





Extending knowledge



- Listen to German/ French / Spanish films in the language, with English subtitles e.g. Honig im Kopf, les Choristes / Coco.
- Listen to German/ French/Spanish music there are lots on the MFL site on FROG.
- Read parallel text short stories in the language.
- Watch youtube videos about grammatical concepts.

Concerns or questions



If you have any concerns or have any questions you can contact your teacher/the Head of MFL, Mrs Edmondson.