

Curriculum Information

Key Stage 4



*“Developing confident
communicators in a global market
who explore culture and love
language”*

For yourself & for others

Curriculum Intent

Our curriculum aims to develop a love of language learning for students to succeed in a global market place. Our students will develop an appreciation of languages and cultures whilst developing into ambitious linguists who will be able to communicate confidently

Key Stage 4 Modern Languages

The Edexcel GCSE in French/German consists of four externally examined papers. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are all equally weighted at 25% and are tested throughout the course, informally and formally in lessons as well as the end of each half term. In the summer term of year 10 all 4 language skills are assessed as part of whole school mock examinations. Feedback and reporting are an integral part of ML assessment as part of the whole school reporting of grades and progress checks. Students will complete the speaking element in April/May and the listening, reading and writing elements in May/June of the year of exam entry. (Year 11 for the majority of students through Edexcel examination board).

Having studied GCSE French/German students have the opportunity to study A level French/ German (Eduqas examination board) over 2 years with the exams at the end of the 2 years of study. (Year 13 for all students).

Students can take an A level language course to complement other A levels including another language, Business, English, Geography, History, Maths and the entire range of Sciences. It can also lead onto Higher Education in French/German and with a range of other combined courses.

Many universities offer French/German with Accountancy, Business/ Management, English, Law, Engineering and Sciences. Living in a European and a global community, languages and their associated transferable skills such as the emphasis on the acquisition of excellent communication skills in both English and the modern language. Languages are highly sought after by employers across a wide spectrum of careers and are particularly useful in Business, Teaching, Travel and Tourism industries, Law, Civil Service, Imports and Exports and general working abroad.

Specification links:

French - <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html> for current yr 11 students

German - <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/german-2016.html>

French- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/French/2024/specification-and-sample-assessments/gq000023-gcse-french-specification-2024-issue-1-1.pdf> for current yr 10 students

German- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/German/2024/specification-and-sample-assessments/gq000023-gcse-german-specification-2024-issue-1-1.pdf>

FRENCH GCSE current yr 11

(24-25)

Year & Half Term	Themes / Key Questions	Knowledge & Skills
Yr 10 Aut 1 French	<p>Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Family/Friends</p> <p>Describing myself and others? Likes/ dislikes Connectives. Introduction to OSTRICH</p>	<p>(myself, daily and cultural life).</p> <p>Vocabulary/ grammar/ exam skills covered in each half term</p> <p>Resilience in languages covered in each half term with dictionary skills/ coping strategies</p> <p>(Listening, reading, speaking and writing skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term</p> <p>Reading paper assessment</p>
Yr 10 Aut 2 French	<p>Family/ Friends/ Hobbies</p> <p>To give reasons/ question words? present / imperfect tenses.</p>	<p>(myself, daily and cultural life).</p> <p>Cultural capital- Role models in society (UK and Francophone- link to Black History month)</p> <p>Listening paper assessment</p>
Yr 10 Spr 1 French	<p>Hobbies/ Celebrations</p> <p>To be able to express opinions on sport, music, film, tv, books, internet. Celebrations and festivals. Past tense</p>	<p>(myself, daily and cultural life).</p> <p>Cultural Capital – festivals in French speaking countries- similarities and differences between UK and Francophone world</p> <p>Writing paper assessment</p>
Yr 10 Spr 2 French	<p>Celebrations/ Festivals</p> <p>To study chores/ food/ healthy lifestyles Future tense</p>	<p>(myself, daily and cultural life).</p> <p>Cultural Capital – food in French speaking countries</p> <p>Reading paper assessment</p>
Yr 10 Sum 1 French	<p>Theme 2 (Local area, holidays and travel)</p> <p>Holidays and travel</p> <p>To discuss weather/ activities/ revision of tenses Opinions on holiday/ past, future and ideal holidays types?</p>	<p>(holiday preferences, travel and tourist transactions)</p> <p>French speaking holiday destinations and activities</p> <p>Whole school mock exams – writing and listening assessments</p>
Yr 10 Sum 2 French	<p>Local area</p> <p>Going out/ shopping/ making arrangements. Town and countryside/ ideal town?</p>	<p>(town, region and country)</p> <p>speaking and reading assessments</p>

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Yr 11 Aut 1 French	<p>Theme 5 (International and Global Dimension) Protecting our planet/ Volunteering/ International events</p> <p>What are the priorities in life? What can we do to protect our planet? The importance of French and international events? Revision of tenses</p>	<p>(bringing the world together through sports, music, campaigns, good causes, environmental issues).</p> <p>(Listening, reading, speaking and writing skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term –</p> <p>Writing paper assessment</p>
Yr 11 Aut 2 French	<p>Theme 3 (School)</p> <p>Opinions on school/ school life What is the importance of school trips?</p>	<p>(what school is like, school activities/ trips).</p> <p>Cultural capital- School life in France and the French speaking world</p> <p>Listening paper assessment</p>
Yr 11 Spr 1 French	<p>Theme 4 (Future aspirations, study and work)</p> <p>Jobs and places of work and reasons for doing different jobs? Pocket money. What are my short and long term career plans?</p>	<p>(languages beyond the classroom, ambitions, work and careers).</p> <p>CV and letter of application Careers with languages</p> <p>Reading paper assessment</p>
Yr 11 Spr 2 French	<p>Theme 4 (Future aspirations, study and work)</p> <p>Revision and all 4 exam skills to be covered in lessons and revision sessions on TEAMS.</p>	<p>(languages beyond the classroom, ambitions, work and careers).</p> <p>Writing, listening and reading assessments as part of whole school mock process</p>
Yr 11 Summer 1 French	<p>Revision and all 4 exam skills to be covered in lessons and revision sessions on TEAMS.</p>	<p>All 4 exam skills to be tested and equally weighted (listening, speaking, reading and writing- ML exams start end of April with GCSE speaking</p>

FRENCH GCSE current yr 10

(24-25)

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Yr 10 Aut 1 French	Module 1 Media and Technology Sports and hobbies including tv, film, music, internet, going out Likes/ dislikes Connectives. Present tense Modal verbs Introduction to OSTRICH Questioning	Vocabulary/ grammar/ exam skills covered in each half term Resilience in languages covered in each half term with dictionary skills/ coping strategies (Listening, dictation reading, speaking and writing including translation skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term Reading paper assessment
Yr 10 Aut 2 French	Module 2 My personal world Description Personality Family Routine Role models Celebrations Identity and French culture	Above and Word order, agreements, possessives, DOP, reflexives, past tense, sequencers, qualifiers and intensifiers, negatives Writing, speaking photo, explaining bullet points
Yr 10 Spr 1 French	Module 4 Lifestyle and wellbeing Opinions on food and drink Healthy v unhealthy including mental health Body parts and illness Past lifestyle	(Listening, dictation reading, speaking and writing including translation skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term Roleplay, different past tenses,, future tense Writing paper assessment
Yr 10 Spr 2 French	Module 5 Travel and tourism Countries, holidays. Holiday activities, French speaking countries, weather, hotels, problems, disastrous, ideal holidays and advantages / disadvantages of travel	Above and Structuring a paragraph, describing a photo, understanding the French speaking world, roleplays, conditional tense Reading paper assessment
Yr 10 Sum 1 French	Module 3 School life Subjects, opinions, school facilities, uniform and school rules	(Listening, dictation, reading, speaking and writing including translation skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term Translation, roleplays, dictation, reading out loud, impersonal verbs Whole school mock exams – writing and listening assessments in French
Yr 10 Sum 2 French	Module 3 School life (continued) Past school day. Primary school, future school trip, UK and Francophone schools, importance of learning	As above and Dictation and describing photos. speaking and reading assessments in French

FRENCH GCSE current yr 10 students (24-25)

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Yr 11 Aut 1 French	Module 8 my future Revision of tenses	Vocabulary/ grammar/ exam skills covered in each half term Resilience in languages covered in each half term with dictionary skills/ coping strategies (Listening, dictation reading, speaking and writing including translation skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term Writing paper assessment
Yr 11 Aut 2 French	Module 6 my neighbourhood (environment)	Listening paper assessment
Yr 11 Spr 1 French	Module 6 My neighbourhood	Writing, listening and reading assessments as part of whole school mock process
Yr 11 Spr 2 French	Revision and all 4 exam skills to be covered in lessons and revision sessions on TEAMS.	Writing, listening and reading assessments as part of whole school mock process
Yr 11 Summer 1 French	Revision and all 4 exam skills to be covered in lessons and revision sessions on TEAMS.	All 4 exam skills to be tested and equally weighted (listening, speaking, reading and writing- ML exams start end of April with GCSE speaking

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Yr 10 Aut 1 German	Theme 3 (School) What school is like School activities Likes/ dislikes Connectives Present tense Basic imperfect tense	Cultural capital- school life in Germany and the German speaking world Vocabulary/ grammar/ exam skills covered in each half term Resilience in languages covered in each half term with dictionary skills/ coping strategies (Listening, reading, speaking and writing skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term Reading paper assessment
Yr 10 Aut 2	Theme 3 (School) What school is like School activities Modal verbs Future tense Conditional Negatives	Cultural capital- German school system Listening paper assessment
Yr 10 Spr 1	Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Cultural life Nouns Nom and Acc cases Word order Plurals Perfect tense	Cultural capital- media, sport and celebrations in Germany and the German speaking world Writing paper assessment
Yr 10 Spr 2	Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Who am I? Adjective endings Possessive adjectives Imperfect tense of modal verbs	Cultural capital- family life and role models in Germany and the German speaking world Reading paper assessment
Yr 10 Sum 1	Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Daily life Present tense Separable verbs Reflexive verbs	Cultural capital- food and meals in Germany and the German speaking world Whole school mock exams – writing and listening assessments
Yr 10 Sum 2	Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Daily life Conjunctions Consolidation of tenses	Cultural capital- social media in Germany and the German speaking world Speaking and reading assessments

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Yr 11 Aut 1	Theme 2 (Local area, holiday and travel) Town, region and country Prepositions Future tense Infinitive constructions	Cultural capital- holiday resorts/towns/cities in Germany and the German speaking world (Listening, reading, speaking and writing skills) 1-2 assessed at end of each half term – Writing paper assessment
Yr 11 Aut 2	Theme 2 (Local area, holiday and travel) Travel and tourist transactions Mit followed by dative case Word order Comparatives and superlatives Adjective endings	Cultural capital- accommodation and restaurants in Germany and the German speaking world Listening paper assessment
Yr 11 Spr 1	Theme 4 (Future aspirations, study and work) Using languages beyond the classroom, ambitions and work Conjunctions Intensifiers Imperfect tense Etwas	Cultural capital- jobs and companies in Germany and the German speaking world Reading paper assessment
Yr 11 Spr 2	Theme 5 (International and global dimension) Bringing the world together Environmental issues Questions Comparatives and superlatives Mehr, wenig Revision sessions on TEAMS.	Cultural capital- events, campaigns and environmental issues in Germany and the German speaking world Writing, listening and reading assessments as part of whole school mock process
Yr 11 Summer 1	Revision and all 4 exam skills to be covered in lessons and revision sessions on TEAMS.	All 4 exam skills to be tested and equally weighted (listening, speaking, reading and writing- ML exams start end of April with GCSE speaking

Recommended Textbooks

Studio Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French Grammar and Translation Workbook ISBN: 9781292132990

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French Revision Workbook Second Edition ISBN: 9781292412177

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French Revision Guide Second Edition ISBN: 9781292412153

Stimmt Edexcel GCSE 9-1 German Grammar and Translation workbook ISBN: 978-1-292-13273-0

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) German Revision Workbook Second Edition ISBN: 9781292412269

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