

French and German

Edexcel



Penwortham Girls'
High School

Introduction:

The MFL GCSE encourages students to understand and express themselves in a foreign language and also promotes an appreciation of another culture whilst deepening the understanding of their own. Along with sought-after communication and transferrable skills, it fosters a greater tolerance of others in the wider world.

Description of the course:

Examination Board: Edexcel

Building on the solid foundation established at KS3, you will revisit familiar topics such as family, hobbies, school, town, holiday and explore new themes such as careers, the environment and traditions. You will aim to manipulate the language so that you can write and speak with more freedom. You will develop the confidence to express more complex opinions and use tenses with greater accuracy. You will also develop a greater awareness of culture of German-speaking or French-speaking communities and countries.

How you will learn:

Through engaging, fun and challenging activities such as games, competitions, repetition activities, songs and roleplays, you will practise the four skill areas (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing). You will continue to work independently but also in pairs and within a small group. Similar digital resources are used at KS4 and you will make use of various online resources both in class and at home such as Quizlet, Language Nut, Active Learn, Quizziz and Blooket. Your understanding of grammar and phonics will deepen and help you become a more independent linguist and learner.

Assessment:

The Edexcel MFL GCSE consists of four externally examined papers based on the following skills:

- Paper 1: Listening and understanding in French/German
- Paper 2: Speaking in French/German
- Paper 3: Reading and understanding in French/German
- Paper 4: Writing in French/German

The GCSE exam has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. Students must complete their speaking assessment in April/May and all other assessments in May/June in any single year.

Using this qualification:

Using this qualification: You will develop transferrable skills which are useful in a wide range of future careers, including critical thinking, inter-personal skills such as good communication, relationship-building skills (teamwork, trust, intercultural sensitivity, service orientation), collaborative problem solving, adaptability, resilience and independence...Studying a foreign language improves your oral and written skills in other subjects too as you develop a greater grammar awareness.

Careers:

Careers where languages are useful include: Banking and Finance; Government; Teaching; Law; Pharmacy; Medicine; Media; IT; Engineering; Industry; Travel & Tourism; Import/Export, Fashion, Translation, Customer service, e-commerce, marketing. A language is of course also great for holidays and travelling!

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