



Berlin, Germany



Merano, Italy



Freiburg, Germany



Vienna, Austria



Zürich, Switzerland



Liechtenstein

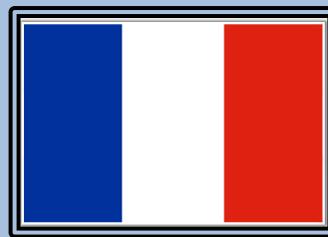
# French and German GCSE



Strasbourg, France



Paris, France



Montréal, Canada



Geneva, Switzerland



Brussels, Belgium



Riquewihr, France

The proportion of the world that does not speak English as its first language is: -

- a) 1%
- b) 25%
- c) 74%
- d) 94%



What proportion of the world speaks NO ENGLISH AT ALL?

- a) 75%
- b) 60%
- c) 50%
- d) 25%



How many UK companies are losing business because of poor foreign language skills?

- a) 1 out of every 100
- b) 1 out of every 5
- c) 1 out of every 50



# GCSE French and German - Structure

LISTENING – 25%

READING – 25%

SPEAKING – 25%

Foundation – approx. 7 minutes long

Higher – approx. 10 minutes long

Your year 8 and 9 speaking tests are/were not far off that

WRITING – 25%

Foundation – write a some short passages of between 35 and 90 words

Higher – write three passages of 50 and 150 words

You will be used to these style of exams as our year 7-9 writing exam are similiar



# Topics Covered

The good news is you will already know many of the topics we need to cover as we have covered some of the basics at key stage 3

HEALTH AND FITNESS

SOCIETY

THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHOOL

LOCAL AREA

FAMILY

THE MEDIA



# Learning Languages Opens a Door To The World



Some reasons for considering GCSE French and German

- Develops language learning skills
- Highly regarded qualification
- Encourages tolerance of difference in a global world
- Central skill to certain occupations – eg teaching, translation, interpreting
- Useful extra skill to many other specialisms – business, journalism, tourism, law, science, engineering, communication



# Thirsk Student A level successes in French and German, going on to study Languages or Linguistics at university

- Laura Marwood – Durham University, PhD London University
- Amber Welford – French and German, Aberystwyth University
- Lizzie Lee – German and Philosophy, Oxford University
- Maddison Coleman – German and Philosophy, London University
- Jade Brown – German and Dutch, Sheffield University
- Jamie Bailey – Linguistics – Cambridge University
- Oliver Harrison – German, Spanish and Arabic, St Andrews
- Archie Turner – French and German, Oxford University
- Will Chandler – German and Spanish, University of Manchester

“Everyone thinks when they go abroad that everyone speaks English. Trust me, this is not the case. Whilst working in Paris I have made so many great friends and met some amazing people through speaking a foreign language, not just from France, but Costa Rica, Switzerland, Italy and Germany.” (Amber Welford – studied French and German at Thirsk and at university)

“Learning a language opens so many doors, for university, for jobs, for travel, for meeting new people.”  
(Bethany Suffield – worked in Switzerland and studied Business with a Foreign Language)



Further information or questions?

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