

MFL

Overview

As well as improving your communication skills, learning French or German is really good for your brain and will help to improve how you perform in all of your other lessons. When we learn a new language, we really learn to listen, to focus more, to work out things for ourselves, to take notice, to be curious and to be brave.

Learning a language like French or German will help both Wales and the UK to build excellent economic relationships in the future to help our businesses thrive. People often combine languages with other subjects at university (e.g. French and Law; German and Engineering), so that they can work internationally.

KS3

We learn about France or Germany; its culture, geography and importance in the world. We learn to discuss topics like home, hobbies and sports, school, holidays, food and drink, town. We learn how to pronounce new words with confidence and how to structure sentences in the present, past and future tenses.

KS4

We deepen our knowledge of France/Germany, the grammar, its festivals and regions. We further discuss topics started at KS3, as well as adding new ones, such as the environment, tourism and technology. There are 4 separate examinations at GCSE in Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing – each of these examinations make up 25% of the final grade. In order to prepare for these, students complete grammar practice, vocabulary tests and translation tasks regularly throughout the course.

KS5

At KS5, we really study the structure of the language and discuss topics in depth, such as family life, immigration, film, literature and history. At AS, students take a speaking examination and a further one in listening, reading, translation and critical response on the film. At A2, students complete their own research project on an aspect of France that interests them, in order to prepare for their final speaking examination and their other 2 examinations are listening, reading and translation and critical and analytical response in writing to the book studied.

Set texts for French are currently *La classe* (film) and *Kiffe-kiffe demain* (book).

Set texts for German are *Das Pferd auf dem Balkon* (film) and *Das Fundbüro* (book).

