

Course Titles: GCSE MFL French or German

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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The journey taken by students who study French and German promotes resilience and adaptability, improves memory retention and fosters personal growth. Our students at Chase Terrace Academy develop excellent communication skills, enhance their problem-solving capabilities, and boost their confidence during this programme of study. Learning a foreign language leads to a better understanding of the English language, whilst also developing cultural awareness; creating open-minded and globally connected individuals- broadening their horizons and allowing for meaningful interactions during travel.

The Edexcel GCSE course builds on what has been studied from Year 7 and is based on the four key language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course is structured around six thematic contexts, which will allow our students to explore their lives, as well as those in French and German speaking countries through topics that are relevant to their current and future needs.

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

The examinations are divided into two tiers, foundation and higher, and students will be entered for the one most suited to their ability. Students will be taught and encouraged to cope with a variety of activities and tasks, ranging from basic word recognition and phrases to writing longer texts and holding a conversation around the thematic contexts. Equal emphasis is placed on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, each worth 25% of the final mark. All skills will be assessed by examination at the end of the course.

Students of all abilities can take a language at GCSE, all that it needed is enthusiasm for the subject and a commitment to independent learning and preparation at home.

Where can a GCSE in MFL take me?

As the two key languages of business and politics in Europe, studying a qualification in French or German improves our students' employability and gives them a competitive edge in a wide range of career sectors, including international business, tourism, hospitality, science and journalism. Additionally, proficiency in French and German opens doors to specialised fields such as teaching, translation and interpretation, law and politics.