



# French and German (Edexcel)

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Do you enjoy learning a language? Would you like to be able to communicate more effectively and find out what it's really like to live in another country? At A level, French and German allow students to improve their language level whilst learning a lot more about the political and artistic cultures of French and German-speaking countries. You'll explore social issues and current trends, and study a film in Year 12 and a literary text in Year 13. Topics include music, festivals, immigration, 20<sup>th</sup> century history and education.

## Content and Assessment

The course is assessed in three papers at A level: Listening, Reading and Translation into English. In this module, you will answer a range of questions based on listening material (each candidate accesses the material individually on a pc) and on a selection of written stimulus texts. You will also complete a translation into English.

## Writing and Translation from English

You will have to write an essay about the film that we have studied and an essay about the literary text and translate into English from the target language.

## Speaking

There is a discussion of one stimulus card followed by a presentation and discussion of a topic studied independently. You have 5 minutes' preparation time and the test takes 16-18 minutes.

## Teaching

The classes will involve all four language skills:

- Listening to conversations, news items, discussions, interviews, songs
- Reading newspaper, magazine and internet articles
- Writing letters, essays, accounts, summaries, translations, multi-media presentations.

- Speaking in discussions, debates, arguments, role-plays, reporting tasks, presentations, and sessions with the language assistant – one half-hour session every week, one to one – attendance is compulsory.

## The Future

Those who can communicate in more than one language will always be in very high demand! Universities offer courses linked to this A level, either as a single or joint honours degree in a language, or by offering further language studies as a subsidiary option. Languages are involved in a wide range of careers, from the more obvious in interpreting, the diplomatic service and teaching, to paths in law, business and journalism.



# Independent Learning

## Independent learning tasks in MFL

<b>French Independent Study Guide</b>	
Go on a French news website (links in 'Les Actualités' section of French KS5 Bloodle) and find a story that interests you. Note down in your French Independent Study Journal the date and title of the article and a summary of the content, and any new vocab you have discovered.	
Go on to <a href="https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/gr/index.html">https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/gr/index.html</a> and read up on areas of grammar that you aren't yet confident in, then do the interactive activity.	
Research cultural topics - instructions are under the Independent Research area of French KS5 Bloodle.	
Complete activity from Reading Exam practice booklet and borrow answer booklet to mark and MIB your work.	
Watch the occasional French film – the Languages Department has a range of films that we are happy to loan, and there are French films in the library	
Record vocab independently during lessons, and whenever you come across new vocab in homework and wider reading. Organise your vocab - research has shown that words in the middle of a list are the hardest to remember, so when you're learning a list of words, write the easiest ones in the middle	
<b>German Independent Study Guide</b>	
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Use the grammar section in KS5 German Bloodle and the Zeitgeist Grammar Workbook to read up on areas of grammar that you aren't yet confident in, then do the activities.	
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