

A-LEVEL FRENCH/GERMAN

INTRODUCTION

As the EC develops and barriers between European countries break down, languages are more and more essential in all walks of life. It's not true that 'everyone in Europe speaks English' and it's certainly true that being able to use a language or two opens many doors.

At A-Level, language students move away from the day-to-day practical matters covered in GCSE and get to grips with wider ranging issues. You will find yourself practising your language while learning about topics such as sport and health, women's role in society, drugs, the media and racism. There is also the chance to approach the language through historical or literary topics depending on the group's interests.

In the first few terms we concentrate on building up confidence in speaking and handling the language as well as extending vocabulary. Gradually you will find yourself practising listening on your own using a MP3 player, reading newspaper and magazine articles, taking part in discussions and presentations, handling communicative tasks like negotiating on behalf of a group and writing essays about the topics studied.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

For most people knowledge of a language is like having a driving licence. It may not be the main requirement of their career but it opens up extra opportunities in whatever career they choose. Whatever you want to do, having a language will give you access to Europe.

In Higher Education languages can be studied combined with almost anything else, in particular with subjects such as Business Studies, Law and Marketing. They can also be studied as a single subject which still leaves the door open for many possible careers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A grade B or higher at GCSE in French/German is required.

YEAR 1 AS

Unit 1

Listening, Reading and writing

2 hours

70% of AS

35% of A2

110 marks

Unit 2

Speaking Test

35 minutes including 20 minutes preparation time

30% of AS

15% of A2

50 marks

If students pass these examinations they will then be able to continue onto the second year of the course if they want to gain an 'A' level in this subject -

YEAR 2 A2

Unit 3

Listening, Reading and Writing

2 hours 30 minutes

35% of A-Level marks

110 marks

Unit 4

Speaking Test

35 minutes including 20 minutes preparation time

15% of A-Level marks

50 marks

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