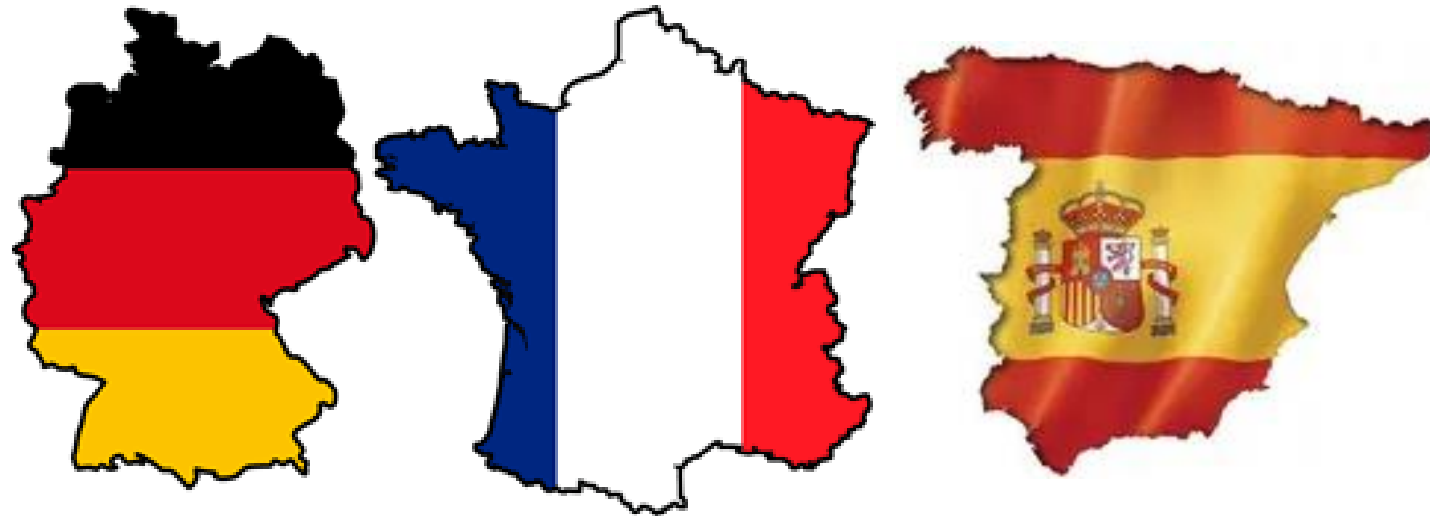




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Current Year 11 GCSE German/ French/Spanish Information



The Course

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus:

GCSE German (8668)

GCSE French (8658)

GCSE Spanish (8698)

Theme 1: Identity and Culture			
<i>Me, Family & Friends</i>	<i>Technology</i>	<i>Free time</i>	<i>Customs & traditions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships with family/friends Marriage & partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media Mobile technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Cinema/TV Food & eating out Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In France/ Germany In other Fr/ Gm speaking countries
Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global			
<i>Your home & region</i>	<i>Social issues</i>	<i>Global issues</i>	<i>Travel & tourism</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Town Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charity/ voluntary work Healthy living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Poverty/ homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays Other countries
Theme 3: Current & Future Study and Employment			
<i>My studies</i>	<i>Life at college</i>	<i>Post 16 education</i>	<i>Jobs, careers & ambitions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subjects teachers Your school day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School building After school clubs School rules/ uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will you study? Work experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University/ apprenticeship Dream job

Assessment Structure 2025

- There are 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which will be assessed for the GCSE.
- Each skill is worth 25%.
- Listening, reading and writing will be assessed via exams in June.
- Speaking exam will be conducted by the class teacher, then sent away to be marked externally.
- Entry levels – foundation (1-5) or higher (4-9) for the terminal exams.

Paper	Assessment
1 – Listening	<p>Foundation – 35 mins + 5 mins reading time Higher – 45 mins + 5 mins reading time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions in English and French/ German. • Answer in the question language.
2 – Speaking	<p>Foundation – 7-9 mins, Higher – 10-12 mins, both 12 mins prep time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-play card task • Photo card task • Conversation - 2 themes, one chosen by pupil in advance.
3 – Reading	<p>Foundation – 45 mins, Higher – 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions in English and French/ German. • Answer in the question language. • Translation from French/German to English (35 words)
4 - Writing	<p>Foundation – 60 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo – 4 sentences (marked for communication only) • 40 word piece (bullet prompts) • 90 word piece – choice of 2 (bullet prompts) • Translation from English to French/ German (35 words) <p>Higher – 75 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 word piece – choice of 2 (same as F task) (bullet prompts) • 150 word piece – choice of 2 (OE piece, 2 compulsory bullets) • Translation from English to French/German (50 words)



Upcoming Assessments

- The mock exams will be in January.
- Speaking will be conducted with the class teacher.
- All mocks marked by the class teacher.
- All final GCSE exams marked externally.

**Extended deadline to buy revision guides on Arbor
until 22 November!**



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Current Year 10 GCSE German/ French/Spanish Information



The NEW Course

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus:

GCSE German (8662)

GCSE French (8652)

GCSE Spanish (8692)

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

Identity and relationships with others

Healthy living and lifestyle

Education and work

Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global

Free time activities

Customs, festivals and celebrations

Celebrity culture

Theme 3: Current & Future Study and Employment

Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Media and technology

The environment and where people live

Assessment Structure 2025

- There are 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which will be assessed for the GCSE.
- Each skill is worth 25%.
- Listening, reading and writing will be assessed via exams in June.
- Speaking exam will be conducted by the class teacher, then sent away to be marked externally.
- Entry levels – foundation (1-5) or higher (4-9) for the terminal exams.

Paper	Assessment
1 – Listening	<p>Foundation – 35 mins + 5 mins reading time Higher – 45 mins + 5 mins reading time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A - questions and answers in English • Section B – dictation – transcribe short sentences
2 – Speaking	<p>Foundation – 7-9 mins, Higher – 10-12 mins, both 15 mins prep time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-play card task • Read aloud task • Photo card task + unprepared conversation
3 – Reading	<p>Foundation – 45 mins, Higher – 60 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A – questions and answers in English • Section B – Translation from French/German/Spanish to English
4 - Writing	<p>Foundation – 70 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo – 5 sentences (marked for communication only) • 50 word piece (5 bullet prompts) • 5 short grammar tasks – complete the sentence with correct word. • Translation of sentences Eng into Fr/Gm/Sp, min 35 words • 90 word piece – choice of 2 (3 bullet prompts) <p>Higher – 75 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation of sentences Eng into Fr/Gm/Sp, min 50 words • 90 word piece – choice of 2 (same as F task) (3 bullet prompts) • 150 word piece – choice of 2 (OE piece, 2 compulsory bullets)



Upcoming Assessments

- The mock exams will be in summer term.
- Speaking will be conducted with the class teacher.
- All mocks marked by the class teacher.
- All final GCSE exams marked externally.

How can I help as a parent? MFL



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Tips for success



- Learn vocabulary via the vocabulary booklet in your independent work folder and Quizlet.
- Revise and practise applying grammatical rules, via grammar covered in class and the grammar booklets in your independent work folder.
- Use GCSE Bitesize, Seneca, Linguascope and the AQA website.
- Practise skills:

Listening – Youtube – watch the series Extra, change the language on a favourite DVD and add English subtitles. Slowly read out news:

newinslowfrench.com/newsinslowgerman.com/newsinslowspanish.com

Speaking – use the speaking booklet in your independent work folder to practise.

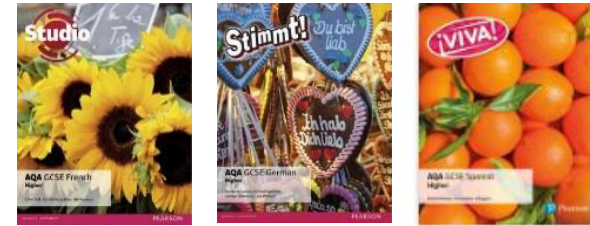
Reading - Go to www.1jour1actu.com for French www.kruschel.de for German to find news articles at a similar level of French/German to Newsround in English.

Writing – use the writing and translation booklets in your independent folder to work through example tasks.

Resources and Support



✓ AQA French or German online course 'Studio' / 'Stimmt' / 'Viva'



✓ AQA 'Studio' / 'Stimmt' / 'Viva' grammar and translation workbook.



✓ Quizlet/Memrise.



✓ School produced booklets for vocabulary, grammar, avocado, speaking and writing. Log of independent work.

✓ FROG – MFL site.



✓ Seneca.

✓ Internet sites, DVDs and video clips.

GCSE FRENCH
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FRENCH

The speaking exam consists of three different speaking tasks. Your speaking grade will count for 25% of your overall GCSE grade.



AQA French GCSE



Sample Writing Questions
Foundation and Higher

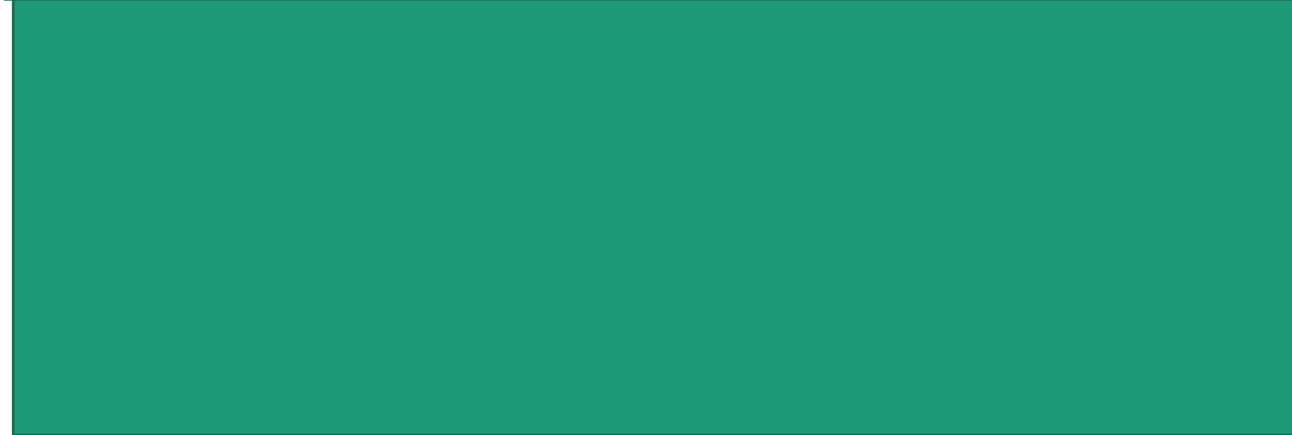
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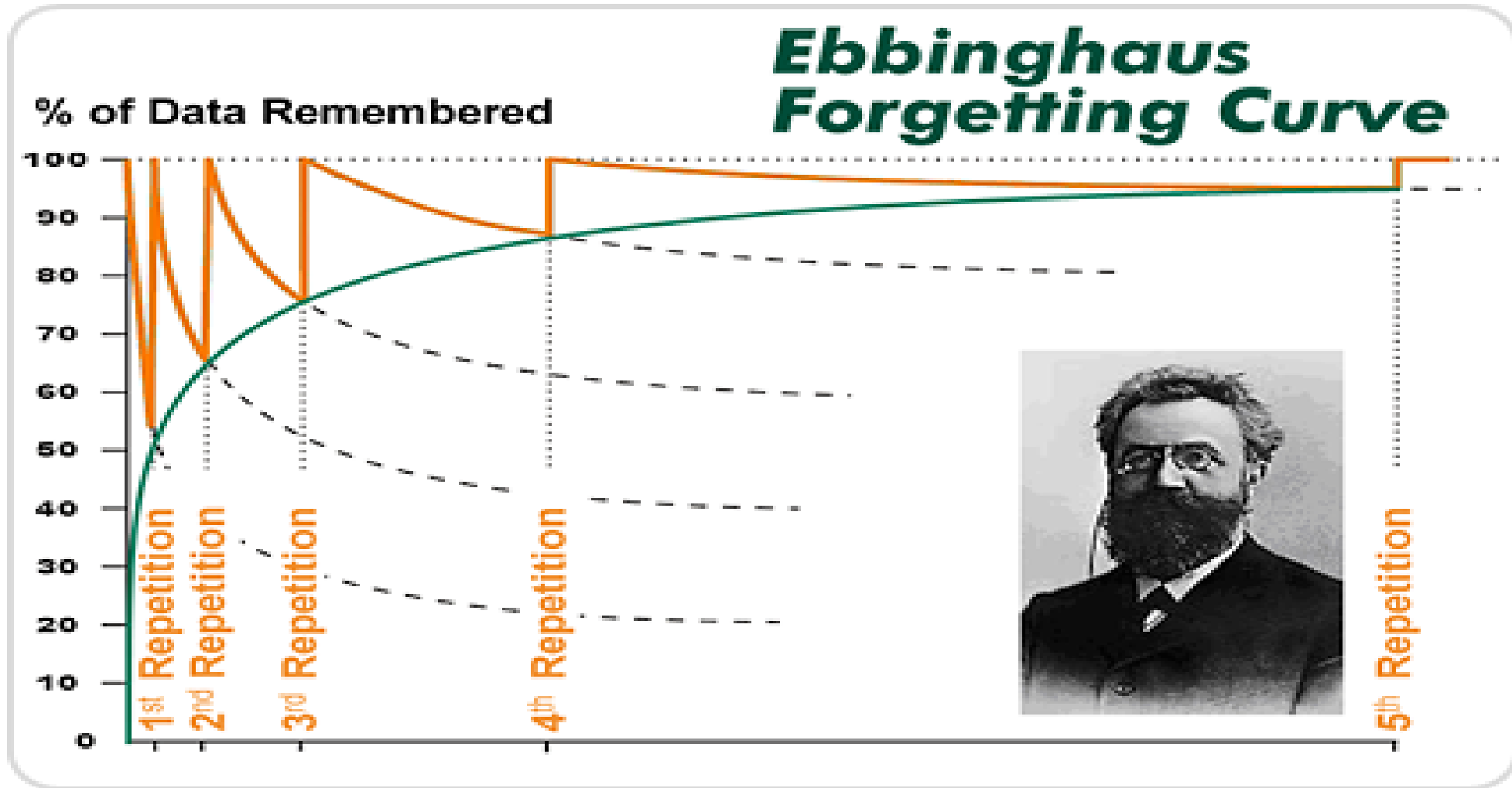
Commitment

“I’m going to go on Quizlet for half an hour every two days!”

[The Daffodil experiment](#)



The Importance of Commitment



Extending knowledge



- Listen to German/ French / Spanish films in the language, with English subtitles e.g. Honig im Kopf, les Choristes / Coco .
- Listen to German/ French/Spanish music – there are lots on the MFL site on FROG.
- Read parallel text short stories in the language.
- Watch youtube videos about grammatical concepts.

Concerns or questions



If you have any concerns or have any questions you can contact your teacher/the Head of MFL, Mrs Edmondson.