



German

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German F.C.S.E

FCSE (Foundation certificate Secondary Education) German helps students develop communication skills routinely acquired at levels of study equivalent to National Curriculum Levels 4, 5 or 6. The qualification bridges the gap between ELC and GCSE and is suitable for a wide age range, from KS2 to adult learners. There are three levels of award: Pass, Merit or Distinction.

This specification is flexible and manageable for teachers and learners. There is no prescribed content or vocabulary and the eight units are arranged in four themes which closely mirror the current GCSE qualification.

FCSE covers all four language skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. There are also short course options available in Listening and Speaking or Reading and Writing.

Students take assessments when a topic has been covered, at different stages in the course and there are re-sit opportunities for all assignments. Practice assignments are also available.

Teachers choose which units to cover over one, two or even three years and send us a portfolio of evidence from three out of the eight units for moderation.

Modules to be studied

- **Theme 1: My world**
- Unit 1 – Relationships, family and friends
- Unit 2 – Education and future plans
- **Theme 2: Holidays and leisure**
- Unit 3 – Holidays and travel
- Unit 4 – Leisure
- **Theme 3: Lifestyle**
- Unit 5 – Healthy lifestyle
- Unit 6 – Food and drink
- **Theme 4: My community**
- Unit 7 – Local area and environment
- Unit 8 – Celebrations

How will students be assessed?

Students will be assessed in all skill areas and students build up a portfolio of work:

25% reading

25% writing

25% listening

25% speaking

Short courses are also available in reading and writing or speaking and listening.

Who is this course suitable for?

F.C.S.E is aimed mainly at students who have studied German for at least one year and have achieved or are capable of achieving up to Level 4 or 5 of the National Curriculum.

What are the progression routes from this pathway?

Learners completing F.C.S.E German may progress onto further study at G.C.S.E.



German GCSE

German offers students the opportunity to further develop a language and explore cultural aspects of German speaking countries. Our aim is to make lessons lively and enjoyable, with the emphasis on communication. Pupils will learn the language via a range of activities, including songs, games, and ICT. Emphasis in the new exam specification focuses on communication. Role Play and translation are now being reintroduced helping pupils to learn the language needed to cope in real life situations.

Modules to be studied

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Students will be assessed in all skill areas at the end of the course:

25% reading

25% writing- including translation

25% listening

25% speaking – role plays and conversation

Who is this course suitable for?

GCSE German is suitable for students who have studied German in KS3 and have achieved levels 4, 5 or 6 in several skill areas. GCSE German is now a linear exam so all of their exams at the end of the course.

Theme 1: Identity and culture- family, friends, media, technology and free time activities.

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest- environment, work, healthy and unhealthy living.

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment.