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| Course name: GCSE French / GCSE German |
| Which course/ syllabus will I be following? AQA GCSE |
| ReasonIn year 9 you are already well on your way to studying a language at GCSE as we have introduced elements of the GCSE course since the start of this year. An awareness of a foreign language is a life-long skill: you don’t have to be fluent to make a difference. Having even just a little of another language gives you the freedom to travel and communicate with others, whether for business or pleasure, without seeming arrogant enough to expect them to speak English.Learning a foreign language helps you improve and understand your own language better. Moreover, once you have learnt a one foreign language, it’s much easier to pick up another, so it really doesn’t matter which one you learn at school. The act of learning a foreign language reflects keen determination, outstanding communication skills and good organisational skills. In business, it’s great for public relations to be able to speak to different parts of a multinational company or its suppliers in their own language regardless of whether they can speak English fluently.A language qualification says a lot about you as a person and your outlook beyond the place you live, having a language really makes you stand out from the crowd and can give you a competitive edge in future career choices – even if you don’t know what those choices may yet turn out to be! |
| How is the course assessed?GCSE languages are assessed by four final exams:* Listening 25%
* Speaking 25%
* Reading 25%
* Writing 25%
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| Which careers/ post 16 courses will this course help me to prepare for?* A level languages and university courses with an international module
* Travel and tourism
* Business management
* Marketing and sales
* Careers requiring excellent communication skills
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