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| Course name: GCSE French / GCSE German |
| Which course/ syllabus will I be following?  AQA GCSE |
| Reason  In 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% |
| 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 |