

## **AQA GCSE in French and German**

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

### **Subject Content**

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest.

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

### **Assessment**

The GCSE in French and in German has a Foundation Tier (Grades 1 – 5) and a Higher Tier (Grades 4 – 9 ). Students must take all four question papers **at the same tier**. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

**Paper 1: Listening:** understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)

40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)

#### **25% of GCSE**

**Paper 2: Speaking:** communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes

Non-exam assessment

7 – 9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time

10 – 12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time

60 marks for each of Foundation and Higher Tiers

Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes Foundation, 2 minutes Higher)

Photo card – 15 marks (2 minutes Foundation, 3 minutes Higher)

General conversation – 30 marks (3 – 5 minutes Foundation, 5 – 7 minutes Higher)

#### **25% of GCSE**

**Paper 3: Reading:** understanding and responding to different types of written language

Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation), 1 hour (Higher)

60 marks each for Foundation and Higher

Section A: - questions in English, to be answered in English

Section B: questions in target language, to be answered in target language

Section C: translation from target language into English (a minimum of 35 words at Foundation and 50 at Higher)

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**Paper 4: Writing:** communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes

Written exam: 1 hour Foundation, 1 hour 15 minutes Higher

50 marks at Foundation, 60 marks at Higher

Foundation Tier:

Question 1: message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) – 8 marks

Question 2: short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four bullet points, approximately 40 words) – 16 marks

Question 3: translation from English into target language (minimum 35 words) - 10 marks

Question 4: structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words. There is a choice from two questions – 16 marks.

Higher Tier:

Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words. There is a choice from two questions – 16 marks.

Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words). There is a choice from two questions – 32 marks.

Question 3 – translation from English into target language (minimum 50 words) – 12 marks.

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