

GCSE French / German : Exam Board: AQA

GCSE Exam Structure

This year pupils will be assessed in 3 different skills covering 8 Modules of work. Each module covers all 3 skills.

French

Module 1 – Qui suis-je?

Module 2 – Le temps des loisirs

Module 3 – Jours ordinaires, jours de fête

Module 4 – De la ville à la campagne

Module 5 – Le grand large

Module 6 – Au college

Module 7 – Bon travail

Module 8 – Un oeil sur le monde

Modules 5 and 6 were covered during school closure

German

Module 1 – Auf in die Schule

Module 2 – Zeit für Freizeit

Module 3 – Menschliche Beziehungen

Module 4 – Willkommen bei mir

Module 5 – Ich liebe Wien

Module 6 – Im Urlaub und zu Hause

Module 7 – Rund um die Arbeit

Module 8 – Eine wunderbare Welt

Examinations

Each exam carries equal weighting of one third.

There will be 3 examinations in the summer, pupils will be entered for either Foundation or Higher tier. Decisions regarding appropriate tier of entry will be made prior to mock exams and reviewed afterward.

Listening

Foundation – 35 minutes

Higher – 45 minutes

Reading

Foundation – 45 minutes

Higher – 1 hour

Writing

Foundation - 1 hour

Higher – 1 hour 15 minutes

December Mock Exam Structure (30th November – 11th December)

There will be an individual speaking task based on content of Module 5 (French) and Module 6 (German) - this will take place w/c 23rd November. Pupils will then also be examined in listening, reading and writing.

As above

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March Mock Exam Structure

The March assessment will consist of another set of 3 papers as above.

Changes to 2021 Examinations: Writing

There will be more optionality in the writing components, so the 2021 Writing papers will include an additional optional question for the overlap question at both tiers (Question 4/Question 1) and for Higher tier Question 2. This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper.

Being Organised

All pupils have their own textbook which is the most important revision aid available to them.

After October half term every pupil will have been given a vocabulary booklet and a revision booklet which covers all topics from Y10 and Y11. The vocabulary booklet has been designed to cover all vocabulary required at Foundation or Higher tier. The revision booklet complements our textbooks 'Studio' and 'Stimmt', providing revision material on all three skills across all 8 modules. These booklets will be used both in class and at home, primarily revising modules taught during school closure.

All pupils will be given a folder in which to organise all of their revision materials.

Speaking will now be graded separately.

To reduce pressures on teaching time, the Ofqual consultation outcome confirmed that the spoken language assessment in summer 2021 will be an endorsement reported on a 3-point scale (pass, merit and distinction) against common assessment criteria. Students' speaking skills will be assessed by teachers during the course of study and the endorsement level of pass, merit or distinction will be reported alongside the 9-1 grade.

Plan: Remaining Teaching Weeks to Mock Exams

Week Beginning	Lesson Content	Revision Material	Curriculum Recovery	Homework	Revision Class
12 th October	French -Module 6 (school / health) German – Module 6 (holidays)	Textbook	Re-visiting Module 6	Vocabulary and skill based tasks	
19 th October	French -Module 6 (school / health) German – Module 6 (holidays)	Textbook	Re-visiting Module 6	Vocabulary and skill based tasks	21/10 Listening skills
Half Term Homework	<p>French Pupils are to complete pages 112, 113, 116 and 117 (Higher), 104, 105, 108 and 109 (Foundation) This is part of the curriculum recovery for Module 5</p> <p>German Pupils are to complete pages 108,109,112 and 113 (Higher), 100, 101,104 and 105 (Foundation) This is part of the curriculum recovery for Module 5</p>				
2 nd November	French - Module 7 (jobs and work) German – Module 7 (jobs and work)	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet		Vocabulary and skill based tasks	
9 th November	French - Module 7 (jobs and work) German – Module 7 (jobs and work)	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet		Vocabulary and skill based tasks	11/11 Reading skills
16 th November	French - Module 7 (jobs and work) German – Module 7 (jobs and work) / revision	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet	Revision (tasks from revision booklet Module 5 and 6)	Revision (tasks from revision booklet Module 5 and 6)	
23 rd November	Speaking task Module 5 (French) Module 6 (German) Revision L/R/W	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet	Module 5 speaking task	Revision (tasks from revision booklet Module 5 and 6)	25/11 Writing skills

Plan: January to Summer Exams

Half-term	Lesson Content	Revision Material	Curriculum Recovery	Homework	Revision Class
January to February	Module 7/8 Completion of course	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet	This will be complete by Christmas	Vocabulary and skill based tasks	Listening skills
February to April	Revision Speaking task TBC	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet	Module 5 and 6 revision alongside other content	Vocabulary and skill based tasks / past papers	Reading skills
April to May	Revision Speaking task 6 pre-prepared general conversation questions TBC	Textbook / vocabulary booklet and revision booklet	Module 5 and 6 revision alongside other content	Vocabulary and skill based tasks / past papers	Writing skills

Exam Board Guidance

[French specification](#)

[German specification](#)

[Past Papers](#)

Other Online Material

We believe that the websites below provide excellent revision material for pupils, especially with vocabulary and listening skills. Pupils can use these sites alongside their other revision materials.

- [GCSE French Bitesize](#)
- [GCSE German Bitesize](#)