

Gifted and Talented at

Languages

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4 all pupils have the option to continue with either French or German. The large majority of our G&T pupils all do so and we also encourage them to consider continuing with both languages up to GCSE level.

G&T linguists are expected to achieve the highest grades in their speaking and writing coursework tasks as they are given the opportunity to show off their flare for languages. Alongside this, they are entered for the higher tier papers in their reading and listening exams.

Pupils studying a language in Year 10 are encouraged to take part in either the German exchange or the trip to Normandy to help further their linguistic skills.

Key Stage 5

Pupils develop their language skills to a very high level when studying French or German at AS or A2. They are encouraged to think about complex global issues in the language of study and they are able to understand to a greater extent the nuances and subtleties of languages and communication.

All of our 6th form linguists have the opportunity to interact with native speakers during their weekly sessions with our Foreign Language Assistants. They are also encouraged to assist the department by helping with Key Stage 3 lessons and any extra curricular activities.

Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3 pupils are encouraged to explore the world of languages as they develop linguistic skills and understanding of concepts that will be useful to them at key stage 4 and beyond.

All pupils learn French in Year 7 and are set according to ability for their lessons. In Year 8 our most talented linguists take on German as an additional language and they continue with both French and German until the end of Year 9.

There is the opportunity for all pupils in Year 8 to participate in the day trip to France and for pupils in Year 9 who learn German to take part in the German exchange. We highly recommend that all our Gifted & Talented linguists get involved with these activities in order to experience the foreign languages at first hand.

Gifted & Talented linguists in Year 8 are invited to participate in a termly G&T event which gives them the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of both French and German language and culture in an after school activity.



Online resources:

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| www.lequipe.fr/ | www.sport.de/ | French/ German online sports newspaper |
| www.allocine.fr/ | www.filmstarts.de/ | Latest film trailers in French/ German |
| www.m6.fr/ | www.surfmusik.de/ | French/ German Music Channel |
| www.linguascope.com/ | | Test your language ability at any level |
| www.languagesonline.org.uk | | Test your grammar |
| http://www.toondoo.com/ | | Write a comic strip in French or German and illustrate it |
| www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/learning/bitesize/ | | BBC language learning – French / German site |