

# STUDENTS FEED BACK

## FRENCH

### Why did you opt to do French?

- Because I love the language and think it is easy
- I really enjoyed the language in year 9, although I haven't been studying it as long as Spanish, it seemed that I could pick it up easier.
- I chose French because I like the language
- Because it's the language I am familiar with the most.
- I found it to be more engaging than the other options available.
- Because I find it easier to learn compared to Spanish.
- I was passionate about learning more of the language and found it easy to understand.
- My languages GCSE is fun.
- I have a great languages teacher – one of my favourites.
- Languages are important for the future when you need to communicate with people from other countries.
- The teachers offer lots of help and support.
- It helps when you travel for holidays or employment.
- Learning languages shows employers you have a varied skill set.
- It will help when I travel.
- It is important for career prospects.

### What do you enjoy or find most interesting about GCSE French?

- I love learning the grammar
- The writing about times. It hard although past, present and future is really interesting.
- Learning about French culture
- That when you finish it you can use the knowledge to speak French fluently and have a talent for it.
- You don't just learn the language you get to learn about the culture and history of France along with it.
- The most interesting bit of the GCSE French Course is learning new vocabulary and new phrases so you can develop and expand your knowledge of the language. Gimkit and Kahoot games are the highlights of French lessons as they make the course fun.
- It makes me confident.
- I think languages are very helpful.
- Overall the sound of the language is very fascinating.
- It helps memory.
- I like learning about different cultures.
- I find other cultures fascinating.

### **What do you find most challenging about GCSE French?**

- The listening part
- Writing.
- The endings for different pronouns
- The listening tasks because it's hard to find these words and look out for them.
- I find the grammar quite challenging.
- Just learning new words, it takes me a bit of time to memorise them.
- Writing in the correct tense all the time and making sure it's grammatically correct.

### **What do you do in typical lessons?**

- We start with the register and sir will ask questions to get you started. We then move onto the starter activity which is usually a reading task. Then we move onto the lesson and we learn the key words through speaking and then will have a corresponding task.
- "First we have a starter
- Then we do the lesson along with some actives along the way, one of them may be that we listen to a song then fill in the blanks "
- Normally, there will be a starter on the board either to do with last lesson as a recap or as an introduction to the new one. We complete a series of exercises on chosen topic and there is normally a fun task to finish and re-go over everything in the lesson.
- We'd start of class with a starter and we'd go through it ourselves first before sir goes through it with us. We'd have a bunch of listening, writing and speaking tasks throughout and lesson and sometimes a game here of there to end the lesson.
- I feel very confident to contribute, unlike other subjects.
- The lessons have improved my memory from learning vocab.

### **What type of things do you do for homework?**

- Write paragraphs about our weekends and such
- Generally reading tasks or fill in the blanks.
- We do Quizlet and we do worksheets from the booklet
- Some things on quizlet and then some writing tasks
- Homework normally consists of some form of writing task or finishing work from lessons.
- Worksheets and quizlet
- Worksheets, translating paragraphs or sentences, sometimes online tasks such as Quizlet or Activelearn: there's a variety.

## **GERMAN**

### **Why did you opt to do German?**

- German seemed more appealing to me as, generally, there's a smaller class than in Spanish, so I felt like I would get more help individually from the teachers.
- I felt it was the best language choice for me as I found it easy to pick up and understand
- I found that I understood it more than Spanish, mainly because it has elements which are very similar to English and the correct grammar for sentences is quite straightforward.
- Because another language seemed fun
- My languages GCSE is fun.
- I have a great languages teacher – one of my favourites.
- Languages are important for the future when you need to communicate with people from other countries.
- The teachers offer lots of help and support.
- It helps when you travel for holidays or employment.
- Learning languages shows employers you have a varied skill set.
- It will help when I travel.
- It is important for career prospects.

### **What do you enjoy or find most interesting about GCSE German?**

- German songs
- Learning words and phrases which would actually be useful when going to a German speaking country, e.g. directions and how to order in a restaurant.
- Learning new words and incorporating them into sentences
- Learning about their country
- Working with the MFL assistant because he makes it fun
- I like forming sentences because there's a specific way in which the words have to be placed, and sometimes it feels like a puzzle (this word goes to the end, this one goes first, along with the verb, therefore these words go in the middle)
- How we learn to talk about many different subjects from weddings to holidays to directions and how to order on a restaurant
- It makes me confident.
- I think languages are very helpful.
- Overall the sound of the language is very fascinating.
- It helps memory.
- I like learning about different cultures.
- I find other cultures fascinating.

### **What do you find most challenging about GCSE German?**

- Spelling.
- Feminine, masculine and neuter words and which words have der/die/das.
- Grammar
- The language

- Different cases - accusative, nominative, dative
- To remember pronunciation

### **What do you do in typical lessons?**

- We start with a starter. Do tasks and on Friday lessons we end it with a funny German video.
- We start with a 5-10 minute starter to recap what we've done in previous lessons as a refresher, we usually then jump straight into a new lesson. This would include jotting down notes which is useful for revision, practising what we've just learnt by writing sentences/answering questions. We may also go on Quizlet or active learn which everyone in the class really enjoys.
- We will start by doing a mini set of questions and then move on to do some main activities which are sometimes speaking listening or reading or writing
- German lessons usually have a lot of speaking tasks, because it's the only opportunity for the teacher to hear you speak (which they need in order to work out your grade). But usually the tasks are pretty fun, and they do help.
- We start with pronunciations and we move on to writing down questions and sometimes work in partners

### **What type of things do you do for homework?**

- Vocabulary learning
- We mostly answer questions to do with the most recent work done in class.
- Sheets and practice
- Answer questions
- Usually we get given a few written tasks to do, but they generally aren't that difficult - it tends to be what we've done in lesson before, like a recap, however sometimes (especially if we get set quizlet lists) it's new content which we will need for a future lesson.
- from quizlet to answering questions to writing paragraphs to memorizing words, there is a variety