



Year 11 GCSE Languages *Information Evening*



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- Aim of the evening:

To give information, tips and suggestions on the year ahead in Languages before the GCSE exams next summer 2019.

New GCSE grades explained

9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5 (strong pass)	C
4 (standard pass)	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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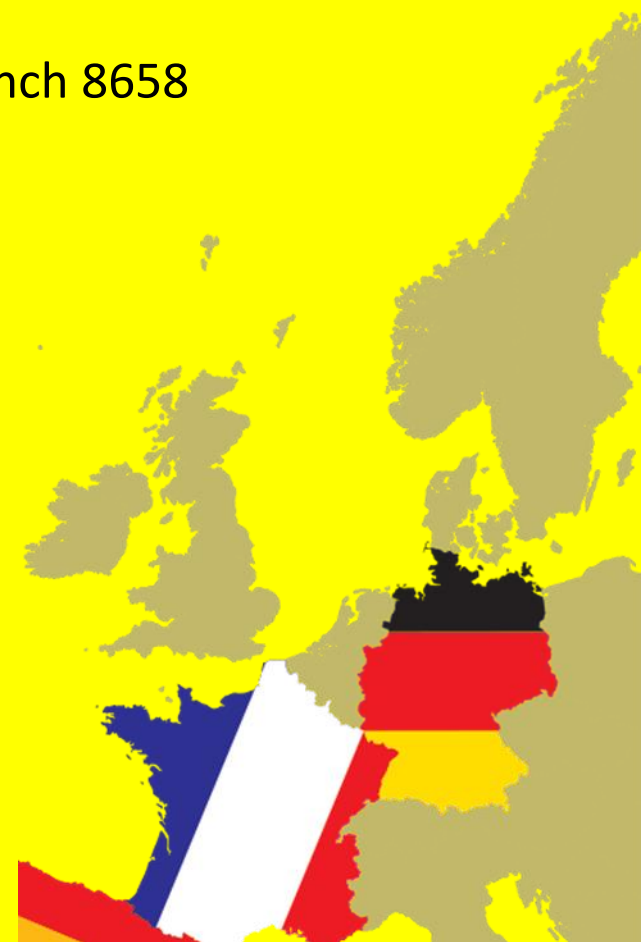


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German 8668

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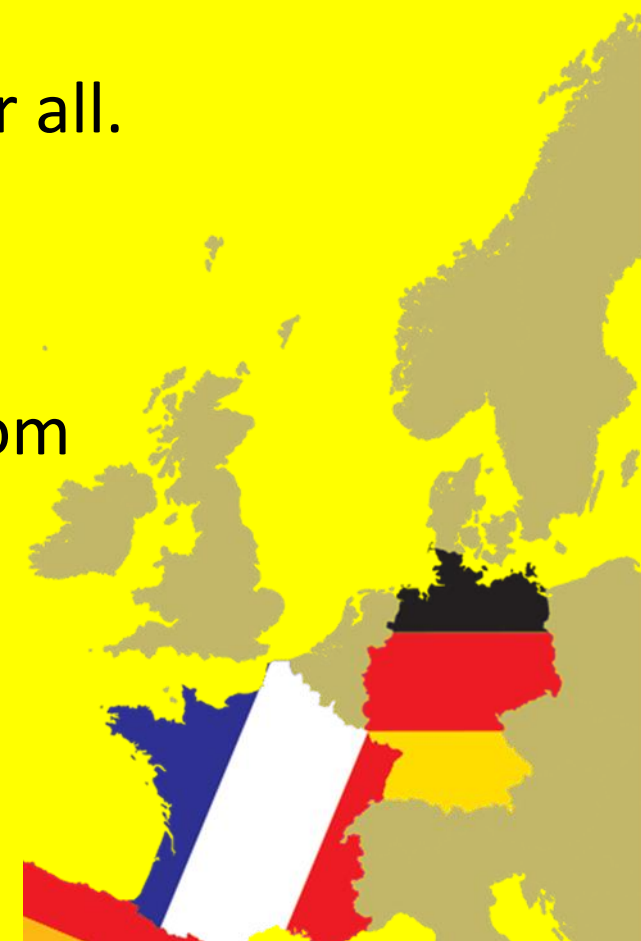




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- Expect Excellence
- Working hard at Warneford in a power hour. Give your all.
- Homework
- Revision: little and often. Self-quizzing
- Apps – Quizlet, GCSEPod, Duolingo, Senecalearning.com
- Videos – BBC Bitesize
- Revision guides (linked to AQA syllabus)
- Text books: Studio (French) / Stimmt! (German)
- Don't just take exams, take them on! 😊



Supporting your champion





•MFL tips for GCSE

Learning vocabulary

Revision strategies

“Working Hard at Warneford,
Aiming High in Highworth”



How do you make progress in Languages?

- PAST
- PRESENT
- FUTURE
- FANCY PHRASES
- ***ACCURACY***



Tip 1.

“People, people can’t you see...preparation is the key!”

- **Be organised**



- **Plan your time**



Tip 2

French GCSE

Speaking 27, 28 April 2020

L&R – 12 May 2020 (**245 days**)

W – 15 May 2020

German GCSE

Speaking 29 April 2020

L&R – 18 May 2020 (**251 days**)

W – 5 June 2020

Tip 3.

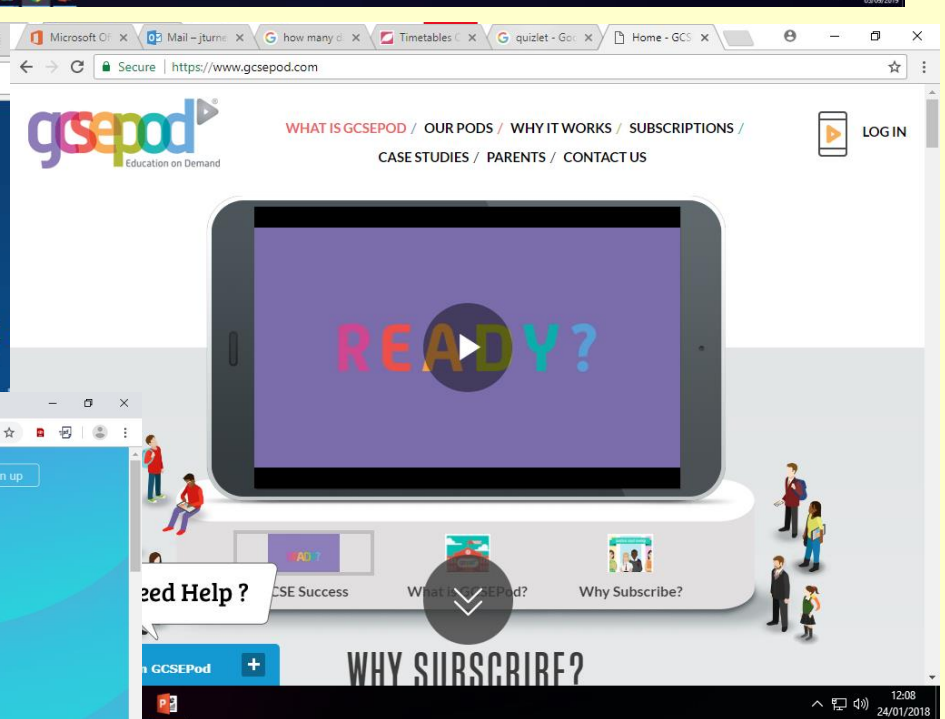
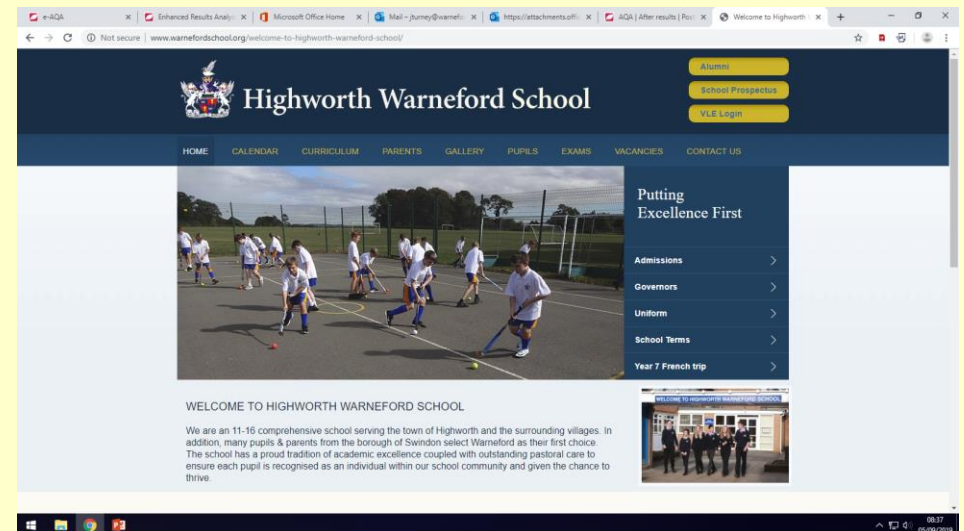
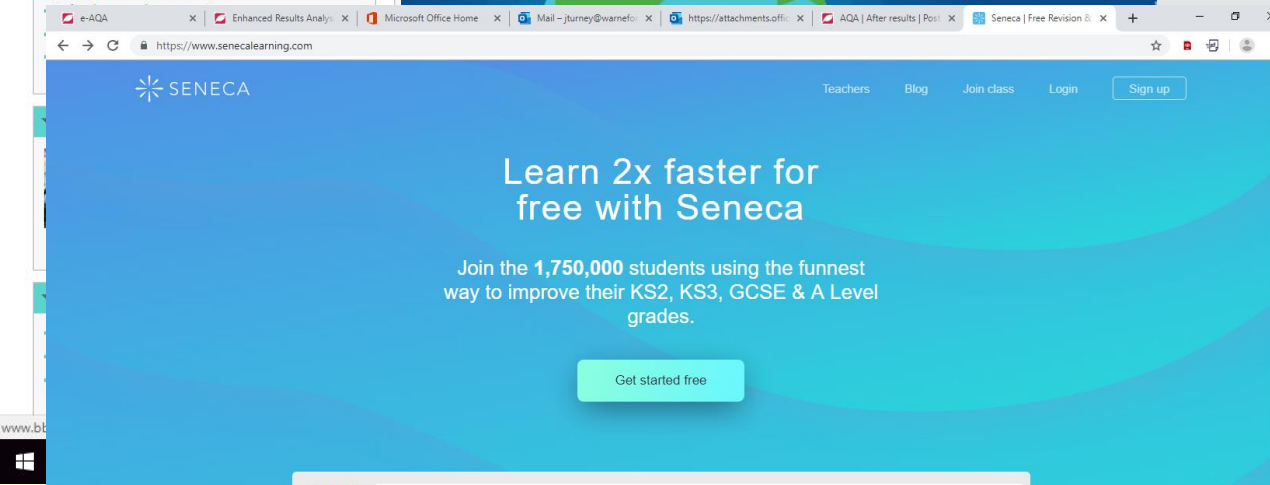
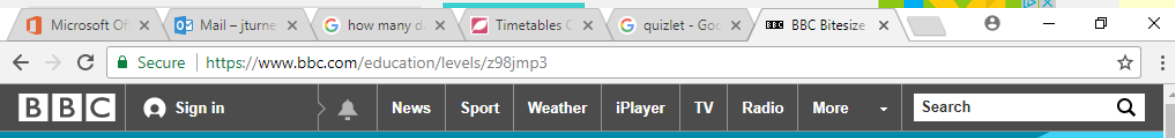
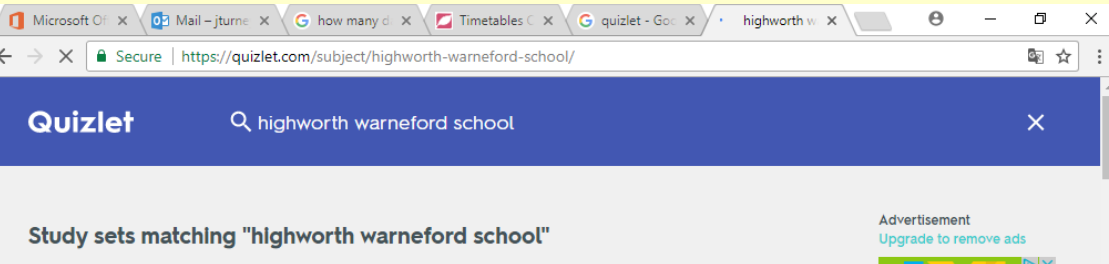
- **Find out what you need to do – Exam Specifications**
- **AQA.org.uk French 8658/German 8668**

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- Revision websites

Tip 4.





Tip 5.



- **Come along to Languages – Breaktime, Lunchtime, Anytime...**

Talk to us

Email us

We're here to help



Tip 6.

OK, let's get to work!



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How to succeed in your Languages GCSE at Highworth Warneford School!

MFL GCSE Timeline

		How to prepare
September 2019	Preparation for Speaking Exam	Regular "booky-looky", go over work done in class, Mind Maps, cue cards. Work with a Study Buddy. Growth Mindset ☺ (...yet)
14,15,16 October 2019	Practice Speaking Exams 1	<p>Role Play/Photocard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare answers to the questions during 12 min prep time • Learn role play phrases/photocard phrases • Practise role plays/photocards in GCSE Role Play Booklet <p>General Conversation</p> <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice your answers, build them up giving more detail <p>Range of Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on use of tenses (Foundation; perfect, present and future tenses) (Higher: add imperfect, conditional and pluperfect)
December 2020	Pre Application (Mock) Exams 3 parts to the Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Reading • Writing 	<p>Listening/Reading: Broaden range of vocab with regular use of Quizlet, text books, AQA exam specification (8658-French, 8668-German) – vocab lists to study and learn</p> <p>Writing: Learn key phrases, fancy phrases and idioms Practice. Answer the question fully – check back – did you answer all the questions/bullet points? Translation have a go at every single phrase/word.</p>
10,11,12 February 2020	Practice Speaking Exams 2	<p>Role Play</p> <p>Photocard</p> <p>General Conversation</p>
April 2020 27, 28 April	GCSE SPEAKING EXAMS (up to 12minutes in duration) French speaking exam (25%)	<p>Act on individual targets from Mock Speakings 1 and 2</p> <p>Role plays/photocards</p> <p>Finish all practice role plays and photocards for FOUNDATION or HIGHER</p>

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What we've learned from the new Languages GCSE exams this year

Listening Paper

- Use Quizlet regularly throughout the course to reinforce vocab and revise vocab from earlier in the course. (Aim for 15/10 mins 3 or 4 times a week)
- Listen to French/German regularly (songs, www.lyricstraining.com), Radio, Watch films in the foreign language

Reading Paper:

- Make sure you answer in the correct language; question in English answer in English. Question in German answer in German
- Translation: Be precise and accurate in your translation, look carefully at the language.

Speaking Paper

- Practise High Frequency Phrases
- Ensure you are confident using 3 tenses (HIGHER: 5 tenses) Focus on a few verbs at first, then build your repertoire by adding more verbs (Accuracy is King!)
- Build up your confidence by speaking spontaneously wherever possible
- Choose some favourite phrases to use (add to these throughout the course to build a repertoire)
- Use opportunities in class to ad-lib
- Learn common phrases
- Practise asking questions
- Practise giving your opinion and justifying your opinion

Writing Paper

- Practise High Frequency Phrases (including spelling)
- Practise expressing and justifying your opinion in a variety of ways
- Learn spellings as you learn vocabulary
- Focus on learning key phrases, then building up a more diverse repertoire
- ALWAYS focus on bullet points
- Ensure you are confident using: FOUNDATION 3 TENSES/HIGHER 5 TENSES
- Focus on common verb forms, then add irregular to widen variety. Accuracy is VERY important.



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