

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

MFL GCSE Timeline

| | | How to prepare |
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| 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). Accuracy. |
| 14,15,16 October 2019 | Practice Speaking Exams 1 | <p><u>Role Play/Photocard</u></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><u>General Conversation</u></p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise your answers, build them up giving more detail <p><u>Range of Language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on use of tenses (Foundation; perfect, present and future tenses) (Higher: add imperfect, conditional and pluperfect) |
| November-December 2019 | Pre Application (Mock) Exams 3 parts to the Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Reading • Writing | <p><u>Listening/Reading:</u> 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><u>Writing:</u> 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><u>Role Play</u></p> <p><u>Photocard</u></p> <p><u>General Conversation</u></p> |
| April 2020 27, 28 April 29 April | <p>GCSE SPEAKING EXAMS (up to 12minutes in duration)</p> <p>French speaking exam (25%)</p> <p>German speaking exam (25%)</p> | <p>Act on individual targets from Mock Speakings 1 and 2</p> <p><u>Role plays/photocards</u> Finish all practice role plays and photocards for FOUNDATION or HIGHER</p> <p><u>General Conversation</u> Practise answering all questions, extend and shine</p> |
| May 2020 Tues 12 th May Friday 15 th May | <p>GCSE FRENCH EXAM (AQA)</p> <p>Listening (25%) Reading (25%)</p> <p>Writing (25%)</p> | <p>Listening exam (Higher: 45+5mins; Foundation: 35+5mins) Reading exam (Higher: 1 hour; Foundation: 45mins)</p> <p>Writing exam (Higher: 1hour 15mins; Foundation: 1 hour)</p> |
| May and June 2020 Mon 18 th May Friday 5 th June 2020 | <p>GCSE GERMAN EXAM (AQA)</p> <p>Listening (25%) Reading (25%)</p> <p>Writing (25%)</p> | <p>Listening exam (Higher: 45+5mins; Foundation: 35+5mins) Reading exam (Higher: 1 hour; Foundation: 45mins)</p> <p>Writing exam (Higher: 1hour 15mins; Foundation: 1 hour)</p> |

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

“People, people can't you see, preparation is the key”

Listening Paper

- Use Quizlet regularly throughout the course to reinforce vocabulary and revise vocabulary 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 and Youtube music
- German news in 100 seconds <https://www.tagesschau.de/100sekunden/>
- French TV <https://www.tf1.fr/>
- Watch films in the foreign language (library, online, DVDs in shops)
- TCUP – Thinking Carefully Under Pressure 😊

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)
- Bespoke personalised work with Mrs Turney to build confidence and accuracy
- Learn common phrases
- Practise asking questions
- Practise giving your opinion and justifying your opinion
- **Languages Club P8 – Thursdays 12:30-1pm every week**

Reading Paper:

- Make sure you answer in the correct language; question in English answer in English. Question in German/French answer in German/French.
- Translation: Be precise and accurate in your translation; look carefully at the language.
- Have excellent time management.
- Use ExamPro exercises – (on ClassCharts homework)

Writing Paper

- Practise High Frequency Phrases (including spelling)
- Practise expressing and justifying your opinion in a variety of ways
- Learn spellings and the gender of nouns as you learn vocabulary
- Focus on learning key phrases, then building up a more diverse repertoire
- ALWAYS focus on bullet points – make sure you have answered all of them
- 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.

Lots of self-quizzing at home – check with a green pen.