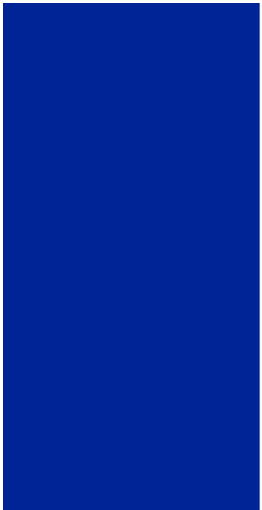


Year 9 Options

Options Evening
Thursday 1st February 2024



Why should you study a language at GCSE?

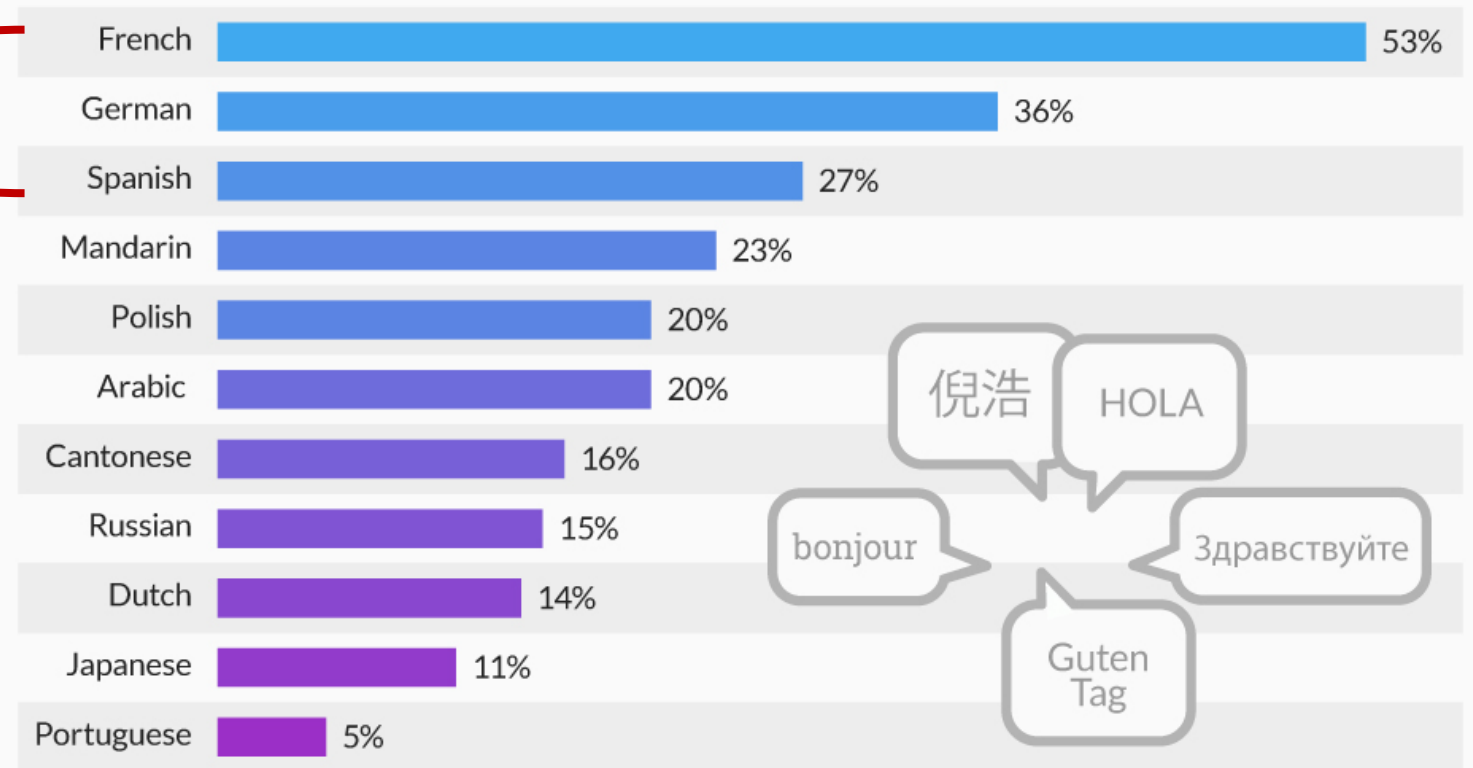


- Research shows that having a language makes you more employable
- Since leaving the EU, there is an increased gap in the market for foreign language speakers
- A languages GCSE works well with any combination of topics, as it can be used in many sectors and jobs
- 60% of UK trade is with other countries
- People who speak another language earn on average 12% more than people without

Data shows that French, German and Spanish are languages which are desired by UK companies

The top languages demanded by British employers

Foreign languages rated as useful by organisations in the United Kingdom in 2015 (%)



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94% of the world's population does not speak English as a first language

75% of the world does not speak English at all

What languages can you take at GSHS?

- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE French
- GCSE German (ab initio)

We use the exam board AQA for all of these qualifications.

For students interested in German, you must demonstrate in your Spanish and French lessons that you are capable of starting a new language from scratch. Ideally you will also take French or Spanish as a GCSE alongside German.

The New GCSE – from September 2024

- All exam boards have introduced a new GCSE which will start teaching from September 2024 for first exams in Summer 2026
- There are several changes from the old GCSE
- Many of these make the new GCSE much more accessible to our pupils
- New elements have been introduced and others removed

The New AQA Specification

The language and topics that we cover are based around three themes:

- **Theme 1:** People and lifestyle
- **Theme 2:** Popular culture
- **Theme 3:** Communication and the world around us

Differences between the old and new specification

Old specification

- Questions in the target language (French, German or Spanish)
- General conversation on the speaking exam – pupils generally find very daunting and difficult
- Listening exam section of questions and answers in French

New specification

- All questions on the papers are in English
- Replaced with a reading aloud passage with emphasis on phonics
- This section has been replaced by the dictation section – again reinforcing the focus on phonics

2019

ROLE-PLAY 1 (FOUNDATION TIER)

CANDIDATE'S ROLE

Part 1

Instructions to candidates

Your teacher will play the part of your French friend and will speak first.

You should address your friend as *tu*.

When you see this – **!** – you will have to respond to something you have not prepared.

When you see this – **?** – you will have to ask a question.

Tu parles de ton collègue avec ton ami(e) français(e).

- Ton collègue – description (**deux** détails).
- **!**
- Sciences – ton opinion et **une** raison.
- Projet – septembre (**un** détail).
- **?** Matière favorite.

New sample paper

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CANDIDATE'S ROLE

Instructions to candidates

You are talking to your French friend.

Your teacher will play the part of your friend and will speak first.

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When you see this – **?** – you will have to ask a question.

In order to score full marks, you must include a verb in your response to each task.

- 1** Describe your town / village. (Give **one** detail.)
- 2** Say when you go to town. (Give **one** detail.)
- 3** Say where you like to go in town. (Give **one** detail.)
- 4** Give **one** opinion of your region.
- ? 5** Ask your friend a question about where they live.

2019

Vous êtes en vacances et vous écrivez à votre ami(e) français(e).

Mentionnez :

- où vous êtes
- la météo
- l'hôtel
- vos activités de vacances.

Ecrivez environ **40** mots en **français**.

[16 marks]

Vous décrivez là où vous habitez pour votre blog.

Décrivez :

- votre ville et ses attractions
- les aspects positifs et négatifs de votre maison
- une visite récente à votre ville
- où vous voulez habiter à l'avenir.

Ecrivez environ **90** mots en **français**. Répondez à chaque aspect de la question.

[16 marks]

New sample paper

Some French students are coming to visit your school.
Write a short description of your school for them.

Write approximately **50** words in **French**.
You must write something about each bullet point.

Mention:

- what your school is like
- your teachers
- lunchtime at school
- sport at school
- your uniform.

[10 marks]

You are emailing your Belgian friend about your free time.

Write approximately **90** words in **French**.
You must write something about each bullet point.

Describe:

- what sort of programmes you watch on TV or online
- a recent celebration
- what you will do during the summer.

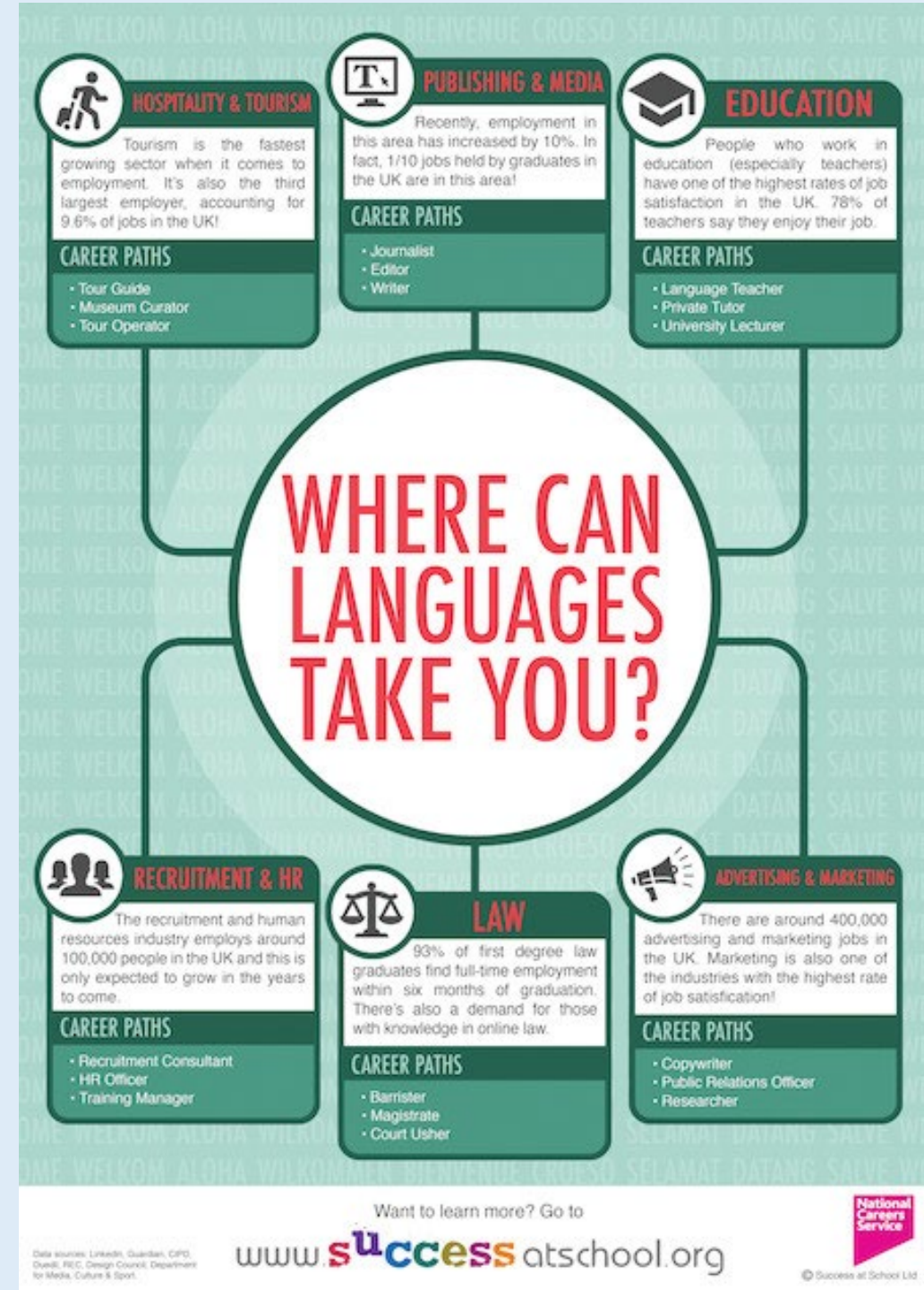
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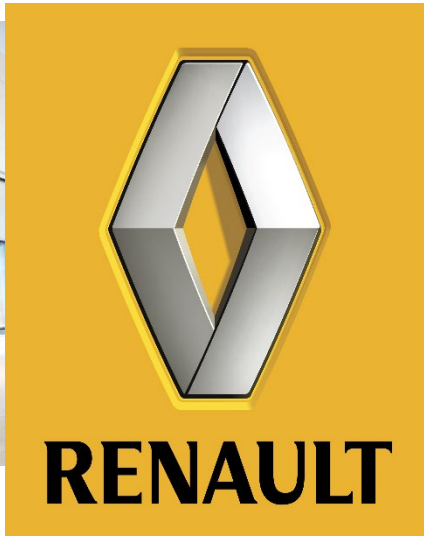
What makes a successful languages student?

- Someone who is prepared to have a go
- Someone who likes a challenge
- Someone who can work independently
- Someone who can figure out patterns
- Someone who likes talking
- Someone who appreciates other ways of life and cultures
- Someone who is not afraid of hard work

Jobs which require languages!

There are of course the obvious ones, such as tourism, travel and teaching or translating but languages really can take you anywhere!





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