



St Edward's School

A Level French and German

Summer Examination Series 2022 – Advice and Guidance for Parents and Carers

What are the key guidance points from the Advanced Information?

- The advance information gives specific guidance as to the topics that will be covered in Paper 1 – listening, reading and translation (50% of final grade) and Paper 3 – speaking (30% of final grade).
- This represents a significant narrowing of the topics to be assessed in these exams.
- Whilst this enables students to be much more focused in their preparation, they should be cautious as the high level of overlap between some topics means they will still require a broad range of vocab recognition.
- You can access the full guidance by clicking the relevant link below:
German: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/content/summer-2022/AQA-7662-AI-22.PDF>
French: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/content/summer-2022/AQA-7652-AI-22.PDF>

What are the main adaptations to the exam?

The structure and length of the 3 exams is unchanged this year.

The advance information tells students specifically which topics and sub-topics will be covered by the questions on the paper, enabling students to focus their preparation and practice to those areas that they will be answering on in the exams.

How will we use this information?

We will focus in-class activities and preparation on the topics that will come up in the exams, whilst ensuring students are aware that the significant overlap of vocabulary between topics and sub-topics means their preparation cannot be too narrow.

Speaking exam preparation in particular can now be significantly more focused, both in school, and crucially, in students' own time.

What can you do?

You can encourage students to conduct significant exam preparation and revision activities every week between now and the exams. Mastery in foreign languages only comes through thousands of hours of practice so students must recognise that it is only hard work and extensive preparation that will prepare them for the exams this summer.

Speaking exam preparation must include practice, so encouraging students to pair with classmates will help them significantly.

Sources of Revision

[Kerboodle](#) – our full course online. Students can log-in to find vocabulary lists and vast numbers of exam practice activities.

[AQA A Level German Assessment resources](#)

[AQA A Level French Assessment resources](#)

[Quizlet](#) – a useful online resource for practicing vocabulary.

Students have extensive notes and lists of vocabulary from lessons – these should be utilised fully in their preparation.