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Mrs Clements

GCSE / A Level
French and
Spanish. Degree
- European
Business
management

Miss Wilcox

GCSE and A
Level French.
Degree in
French and
Spanish. I lived
in France for a
year as an
English teaching
assistant.

Mrs Davies

GCSE / A Level
German and
French. Degree in
French and
Italian.

Mrs Jarrett

GCSE French

MRS morgan

I achieved an A grade in GCSE French (there were no A* then!!!!) and the equivalent to AS level French.

I really enjoyed study and found that, particularly in France, no-one wanted to speak English, they wanted to talk to me in French!

In a very small village in France, I would have starved without knowing some fairly decent French!!

Mr Humpage



Believe it or not but I have FRENCH.

Loved going on holiday to France with the family when the children were younger. Asking for directions, ordering meals in restaurants, visiting local shops for pastries, groceries, bread or meat was so easy. The best thing of all was that local people really appreciated me making the effort, I was by no means fluent but it was enough to have 'banter and a beer' while watching football or rugby.

More recently going skiing in French resorts has enabled me to enjoy the time in some fantastic places and talk to some awesome skiers, snowboarders and adrenalin junkies.

Mr Nunn

GCSE Spanish Lived in
Spain for 3 years as a
teacher.

Mr Rowland

GCSE French and yes, it has definitely helped during visits to France or on occasions when at home or abroad you meet the French. I'm sure it helped many Welshmen during the European Football Championships in Paris, both in seeking directions and when ordering food and drink!!

**Miss
Blackwell**

GCSE German
used on German
exchange.

Miss read

GCSE / A Level
French / Degree in
French and Welsh.
A level German.

Miss Corbett

I've got a GCSE in French. I loved the subject at school, found it really useful when travelling, not just to France but when travelling in Australia and meeting other French travellers. Wish I had taken it at A level but took Geology instead! big mistake!

MR HENDRY

At university singers on
music degrees have to sing
in multiple languages if
that helps...

MRS WALSH

GCSE French

MRS DAVIES

GCSE / A Level
and Degree in
Welsh and
French. Helps on
holidays in
France.

MRS REESE

GCSE German

MR GUEST

I speak German to O'level and A'level standard (well, I did), my mother is Viennese and I spent the summers in Vienna and the Austrian lakes and the winter holidays skiing, from when I was born up to about 16/17. Aside from just speaking the lingo, it certainly helped me access Austrian culture on a deeper level. And now, although I do not really speak it at all, it allows me to communicate in places, situations and with people who may not speak English. In most places in Europe, you can get by in most situations with either English or German.

MR JAMES

I have French GCSE -
This has helped me to
improve my grammar in
Welsh and English due to
similar patterns etc

MISS HERMAN

I have a *GCSE* in French. It has helped me when travelling to Paris and going to Disneyland, it also helps with everyday things like ordering food in some restaurants and from a music point of view, it has helped with song lyrics and music terminology.

**MRS
LEYSHON**

I studied Welsh and French to GCSE level and would agree that certain vocab has helped me whilst holidaying abroad.

MRS JONES

GCSE French which
meant I always did the
talking on family
holidays?!

MR O Driscoll

I have *GCSE* French. Helped when on holiday in France in an area where locals had very limited English. Also helped to converse with Spanish locals in Santander through a common language as they spoke French but not English.

MR brown

I have GCSE French and (I know it's not modern) GCSE Latin. Also learnt German but never sat the exam.

MRS burke

I have GCSE Spanish and it really helps with conversation when on holiday in Spain. I am trying to encourage my son to take a language when he looks at his options next year.

**MRS
saunders**

I have A level French, it has helped me travelling abroad. Also it has helped when I was at university and we had French students so I could converse in their own language. Oddly I found it helped with my music (I have a music degree), because I look at notation like another language. The patterns of speech to the patterns of notes and bars are similar.

MR tinkler

I have French GCSE. I do like reading signs etc when I am in France though to try and see what I can remember. I will order stuff in French (I had to order 40 burgers when I went on the school trip to Paris) but when they speak back to me I panic and look at my wife (she's a French teacher).

MRS rocke

I have French GCSE and a little spoken Spanish (12 years of 6 week holidays in Spain) - although both rusty.

I love trying to speak another language abroad as I feel as though it shows respect for that country. Even if the grammar is wrong and you say the wrong words, it is always a lot of fun and it really doesn't matter.

It can be as simple as being able to get on the right bus, finding the beach you want to go to or getting a drink. It makes you feel as though you are 'traveling' rather than just visiting.

MR rego

I travel around Europe every year and use my O level French quite a lot, it's helped when I've got lost! I speak a little Spanish (learnt from my family) and I am learning Croatian (Ucim Hrvatski!) for when I retire to Croatia.

I think speaking the language of the country I visit is very important and shows respect for other cultures

MR ryan

A Levels in French and Spanish.
First year undergraduate French.
Very long time ago, but still very
useful when travelling—not just
France and Spain.
Also opportunity to learn about
different cultures and countries.

Miss williams

I have a German GCSE.

I have found the basic vocab useful when travelling to places like Hungary and the Czech republic as some of their words are similar.

Languages are ALWAYS useful!

MRS burn

I did a French A-level.

It let me communicate with French speaking asylum seekers in a job with Cardiff Council.

I used it a lot during a friend's wedding in France.

It helps me to decipher bits of other Latin languages.

It helped me to get a job with Gwent Ethnic Minority Services.

It got me a job offer to waitress in Canada when I was younger (though I didn't go!).

MRS vine

I did A Level French which helped me on holiday when the washing machine broke down! I asked the neighbours in French to help me!

Miss watts

GCSE / A Level
French