

FRENCH GCSE

If you have an aptitude for languages and are interested in taking French please make sure you speak to your language teacher. Consideration of current PA data, attitude, effort and attendance will be considered when allocating students to this course. Studying a language to GCSE standard in two years will take commitment and effort. In particular students need to recognise that they will need to put in the time to learn a lot of vocabulary in those two years in order to be successful.

Students will have to complete a short introductory course in the second half of the summer term at the end of which they will be assessed. Students who perform well in this assessment will then be allowed to take the GCSE in year 10.

What qualification does this course lead to?

GCSE in French GRADES 9-1 AQA exam board



What topics will I study?

You will study three themes: 1- People and lifestyle, 2- Popular culture, 3- Communication and the world around us

What understanding and skills will I develop?

You will develop a level of linguistic competence in your chosen language, an understanding of the language in a variety of contexts, a knowledge of your language and language learning skills, an ability to communicate effectively in the language, develop awareness and understanding of countries and communities where the language is spoken, and develop the skills necessary to help you take your place in a multilingual global society.

How will I learn/ how will I be taught?

You will be taught in classes appropriate to the language. All four skills, Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing will be covered in class and examined in the final term of the course.

How will I be assessed?

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

- Paper 1 LISTENING Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier) • 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE
- Paper 2 SPEAKING Non-exam assessment • 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time • 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + 15 minutes preparation time • 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE
- Paper 3 READING Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier) • 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE
- Paper 4 WRITING Written exam: 1 hour 10 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier) • 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE

What can this course lead on to? A Levels in French or any related qualification.

Who do I need to contact for more information?

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