



French



GCSE



FRENCH GCSE

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Why should I study French?

The world of work is changing all the time. To get on, you need to be able to communicate with a wide range of people. French is a world language and spoken as a first and second language. Learning French will give you the skills to learn other languages in the future and will help you with understanding your own language. Learning a language is also important for foreign travel and for working abroad.

Exam Structure

GCSE French is a two year course and you will follow the AQA exam board specification. The exam is made up of 4 units, Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. You will do exams in all four units at the end of year 11. You will be entered for either foundation or higher level, depending on your ability and in consultation with your teacher.

Topics covered

The course builds on what you have learnt in Years 7, 8 and 9. The content is very varied and we cover topics which interest young people. You will be able to talk about relationships, marriage and partnerships, social media and

technology, free time activities, home town and local environment, healthy living, charity work, environmental issues, travel and tourism, current studies and your future.

What skills can I gain from studying French?

As a linguist you will **demonstrate an ability to organise yourself, write coherently, express and justify your opinions, spell accurately, communicate and work with others, and conduct independent research.** Therefore you will be in a strong position when applying for employment, college or a place at university. Through studying GCSE French, you will build on the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills gained at KS3 and you will improve your translation skills from French into English and vice versa, you will develop a good knowledge of grammar.

What career paths would French be suitable for?

A foreign language qualification is highly valued by employers and university admissions tutors. Not

only is it essential for the more obvious career choices: translating, interpreting, teaching, travel and tourism; but a foreign language can also compliment studies in law, journalism, the media, technology, business and commerce, accountancy, sales and marketing. Obviously it opens opportunities to work in France and other French-speaking countries.

Subject Combinations

Business Studies / English / Geography / History / ICT

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