

SUBJECT

French GCSE

DEPARTMENT

Modern Foreign Languages

QUALIFICATION

GCSE Grades 9-1

EXAM BOARD

AQA



Students complete a two year course in GCSE French. Good prior attainment, behaviour and attendance are important, as is completion of homework and independent study.

How is the course assessed?

GCSE French is based on the assessment of four skills in a final examination at the end of Year 11.

Each of the four exam components (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing) is worth 25% of the final exam mark. **There is no coursework element.**

The speaking examination will consist of a role play, a short conversation about a photograph and a wider discussion on two contemporary themes.

The writing examination will consist of several short written tasks and a translation from English to French. Higher tier candidates would also be expected to respond to an open-ended written task.

What subject specific topics are covered during the course?

Over the two year course three main themes are covered. These consist of:

- Identity and culture
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment

What are the expected outcomes from the course?

You will have a good understanding of the topics covered. You will have built up the confidence to speak, read and write in French which should help you with communication skills in general.

What can students use the course for?

Upon successful completion of the course, students can continue to study French at A Level and then at university. The ability to speak a second language is very useful in the world of work and may give you the opportunity to live and work in another country.