French GCSE

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Who is this course aimed at?	If you enjoy learning about different cultures and like the idea of being able to communicate in another language, then French GCSE is for you! In lessons you will be studying not only the language itself but also lots of things about France and all the countries that speak French around the world. Studying a language at GCSE can open the doors to lots of opportunities later in life and will give you access to communicate with millions more people around the world. A language GCSE is very highly regarded by both employers and universities.
How will I be assessed?	There are 4 exams testing all four languages skills. They are worth 25% of the course each. Listening exam (25%) —comprehension of spoken language Reading exam (25%) —comprehension of written language Writing exam (25%) —3 tasks, including a translation Speaking exam (25%) —done in April/May of y11 and lasts approximately 10 minutes
Will I enjoy the course?	You are most likely to enjoy this course if you have enjoyed studying languages up until now and you are keen to learn more about the French culture as well as how the language works. You will also be able to go to France to improve your language skills even further in year 10 or 11.
What will be expected of me?	Students are expected to work hard in lessons, speaking as much French as possible to the teacher and to each other. Students are expected to engage with the learning and spend time independently revising grammatical structures and tenses that they might find difficult. Students are also expected to take an interest in France and Frenchspeaking countries.
What will I study?	
Theme 1— Identity and culture	Topic 1: Me, my family and friends Topic 2: Technology in everyday life Topic 3: Free-time activities Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities
Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region Topic 2: Social issues Topic 3: Global issues Topic 4: Travel and tourism
Theme 3: Current and future study and employment	Topic 1: My studies Topic 2: Life at school/college Topic 3: Education post-16 Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions