



## French GCSE

GCSE

1-9

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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.

This course is aimed at the students who have studied French since Year 7. If you started French in Year 9, you will also need to choose Spanish so that you will be a **dual linguist**. This enables the two GCSEs to complement each other for the best chance of meeting or achieving higher than your target grade.

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%) –production of written language, 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 as we have expected so far in KS3, 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 French-speaking countries.

## What will I study?

Theme 1: People and lifestyle	Topic 1: Identity and relationships with others Topic 2: Healthy living and lifestyle Topic 3: Education and work
Theme 2: Popular culture	Topic 1: Free-time activities Topic 2: Customs, festivals and celebrations Topic 3: Celebrity culture
Theme 3: Communication and the world around us	Topic 1: Travel and tourism, including places of interest Topic 2: Media and technology Topic 3: The environment and where people live