

French

What will I learn?

The GCSE course is divided into 3 main themes: *People and lifestyle*, *Popular culture*, and *Communication and the world around us*. You learn the grammar and vocabulary necessary to enable you to talk and write about these themes confidently and to communicate in French effectively.

- To listen to and understand short conversations, messages and dialogues in French.
- To speak French by taking part in conversations in class with your teacher and your peers, and by giving short presentations.
- To read and understand short notices and adverts, and longer items from letters, magazines, brochures and websites in French.
- To produce written French for class and homework in French culminating in a final written exam.
- To translate from and into French.
- To appreciate the fascinating cultures and traditions associated with the language.

What skills do I need?

- To be able to listen carefully to help with understanding spoken French.
- To be able to learn vocabulary and structures.
- To be able to communicate with others either by speaking or writing in French.
- To be able to read and identify details, opinions and preferences from written texts.
- To be able to improve your own learning and performance by revising vocabulary and structures to use them effectively.
- To be able to work co-operatively with others to communicate in class.
- To be able to use ICT to access French websites and use word processing packages.

Assessment

Examination

- Paper 1 Listening: Foundation 35 mins | Higher 45 mins | 25%
- Paper 3 Reading: Foundation 45 mins | Higher 1 hour | 25%
- Paper 4 Writing: Foundation 1 hour 10 mins | Higher 1 hour 15 mins | 25%

Non-examined assessment

- Paper 2 Speaking: Foundation 7-9 mins + prep | Higher 10-12 mins +prep | 25%

Could lead to:

Your studies will help you to communicate with people who speak French at home and abroad. You will be able to email, talk and write to young people from all over the world. Many employers are looking for people who can communicate with others and use foreign languages. You will find that speaking a foreign language will make your holidays more enjoyable. A GCSE qualification in a language may become the deciding factor in gaining a place at university. With a GCSE grade 5/6 or above you will be able to continue with your language studies to A-level and this GCSE will also help you to get into the top universities.