

# Option – GCSE French

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Language GCSE courses build on the skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing, that pupils have developed at Key Stage 3.

The course focuses on areas such as health, relationships, leisure, holidays, future plans, local neighbourhoods, the environment and social issues but does also allow some flexibility of topics to respond to pupils' own interests. Students develop communication skills which will not only help with A-Level studies in a foreign language but will also develop a knowledge of grammar that would be useful for courses such as A Level English Language.

We offer a unique immerse style of teaching with booklets designed and written by the staff that allows students to become confident speakers with good pronunciation.

## *Why study French?*

- Languages are a highly valued life skill.
- Languages set you apart from other job applicants.
- The skills you will learn will be useful in your future career.
- You will develop communication skills and strategies.
- Languages are useful outside the workplace.
- You will use French in authentic situations.
- Languages give you opportunities to see more of the world.
- Learning one language gives you a head start when you want to learn another.
- More and more universities prefer a language qualification for some of their courses.
- A modern foreign language GCSE pass can contribute to the new English Baccalaureate qualification.
- An opportunity to go to Normandy, France to practice first hand your French skills.

## *How will I be assessed?*

Paper 1 – Listening. 35-minute (F) or 45-minute (H) exam. 40 or 50 marks depending on tier (then converted to 60 marks). 25% of the GCSE.

Paper 2 – Speaking (which includes a role-play, a photo description and a general conversation). **Non-exam assessment**. 60 marks. 25% of the GCSE.

Paper 3 – Reading. 45-minute (F) or 1-hour (H) exam. 60 marks. 25% of GCSE.

Paper 4 – Writing. 60-minute (F) or 75-minute exam (H). 50 and 60 marks depending on tier (then converted to 60 marks). 25% of GCSE.

Examination Board - AQA