

FRENCH

GCSE

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Examination Board: Edexcel
Assessment: 25% Listening, 25% Speaking, 25% Reading and 25% Writing

What does the course involve?

GCSE French helps you explore a wide range of topics, from celebrations and festivals, through getting by as a tourist in France to international campaigns and events. You will learn about French culture through a range of interesting topics which will add to your understanding of the language and country.

Differences from Year 9

During Year 9, students have been preparing for the GCSE course by completed extended writing tasks and conversation topics as well as practising role-plays and translations.

During Years 10 and 11, students will continue to prepare extended writing pieces on the topics of Local area, Holidays and Schools around the world, Work and Voluntary work. They will also prepare conversation topics on the following themes: Local area, holiday and travel, future aspirations, study, work and the international world.

Students will also rehearse role-plays, prepare spoken and written picture descriptions and they will be given regular opportunities to develop their skills in translation to French and English.

Students will be tested on GCSE vocabulary learning once a fortnight and will use their revision guides at home for independent work.

Skills developed

- Learning languages allows you to:
- Learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, be confident about speaking in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently.
- Add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers want.
- Have greater opportunities to work and/or study abroad, or work for companies in the UK with international links.
- Discuss your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- Learn more about countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it.
- Meet people from different countries and find out more about them.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

People with language skills and knowledge usually have an advantage over people without them. They stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons. Taking GCSE French means you will:

- Add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which will impress anyone who reads your CV.
- Be in a stronger position to get a job in companies with international links or improve employability if you would like to work abroad. Be able to work or study in a French-speaking country in later life.
- Be able to study AS and A level French courses to further your knowledge of the language and culture. Find it easier to learn other languages later if you want to.

