



# Year 9 Options



FRENCH

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# Why study Languages at GCSE?



- Here are some ideas from university and year 12/13 students:
- It's fun • you find out about other people and cultures • knowing a language makes you more employable • they lead you into other subjects • you make new friends • you learn about yourself and your own country • it gives you more confidence • great for holidays! • gives you communication skills...



# Why study Languages at GCSE?



- This is what university and year 12/13 students said:
- “Languages enable you to travel to other countries and feel part of the culture, respect the people living there by making an effort to communicate and not feel like a tourist”
- “A language expands your range of thinking”
- “Another language helps you to realise that there is a world around you”



# Year 9 Options | Welcome

- **Year 10 and Year 11**
- In Year 10 and 11, students follow the full course for French. They will build on skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. It is important that they recycle Key Stage 3 knowledge of Spanish or French whilst learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures to help them express more complex ideas.



# GCSE Content

## 1. People and Lifestyle

Identity and relationships with others

Healthy living and lifestyle

Education and work

## 2. Popular Culture

Free time activities

Customs, festivals and celebrations

Celebrity culture

## 3. Communication and the World around us

Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Media and technology

The environment and where people live

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# EXAMS

- Speaking Exam (25%)
- Writing Exam (25%)
- Listening Exam (25%)
- Reading Exam (25%)





# EXAM ACTIVITIES

These are some of the activities you will be required to do:

- Describe a picture
- Read out loud
- Answer questions about your daily life
- Discuss about celebrities and current topics
- Compare lifestyles in the UK, France and French speaking countries
- Listen to real conversations in French
- Translate sentences from French to English and from English to French
- Give opinion about different topics such as environment or social media



# TIERS

You will be entered for the same tier for all 4 papers:

- Foundation (grades 1 - 5) or
- Higher (grades 5 - 9)







# Year 9 Options | How to succeed in French ...

- Come to your lessons well equipped ( exercise book and pencilcase)
- Keep focused and participate in class
- Learn your vocabulary every week ( you must enrich your vocabulary to move away from KS3 level)
- Prepare for your exams fully.
- Complete your home learning every week and use language websites to practise at home



# Year 9 Options | Course



## Contents matched to the new AQA specifications\*

Introduction

Sound-spelling links

### Theme 1 People and lifestyle

Theme 1 introduction

Unit 1: Identity and relationships with others

Unit 2: Healthy living and lifestyle

Unit 3: Education and work

Culture

Grammar Practice

Vocabulary

Test and Revise:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

### Theme 2 Popular culture

Theme 2 introduction

Unit 4: Free time activities

Unit 5: Customs, festivals and celebrations

Unit 6: Celebrity culture

Culture

Grammar Practice

Vocabulary

Test and Revise:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

### Theme 3 Communication and the world around us

Theme 3 introduction

Unit 7: Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Unit 8: Media and technology

Unit 9: The environment and where people live

Culture

Grammar Practice

Vocabulary

Test and Revise:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

### Test and Revise: mixed practice

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

### Reference

Grammar

Verb tables

Glossary

\*Oxford's Student Books and Kerboodle Books only have been entered into an approval process with AQA.



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# Year 9 Options | Career options



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# Highly employable:

- What jobs do graduates with languages do?
- They include
- Civil service • International organisations • fashion • financial services • library and information management • heritage and culture • travel and tourism • hotels and catering • advertising and market research • retail management • sales and marketing • international recruitment • broadcasting • journalism • publishing • technical services • science and IT • shipping services • freight forwarding • voluntary organisations and charities • postgraduate training
- and you thought the only options were translating and teaching



# Useful links

- [Linguascope.com](http://Linguascope.com) (Intermediate section)
- [Languagenut.com](http://Languagenut.com)
- [Kerboodle.com](http://Kerboodle.com)
- [AQA GCSE French website](#)
- [Exampro](#)
- [GCSEpod](#)
- [Our VIP Zone](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)





# Year 9 Options | Questions?

AQA GCSE French Website

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8652/specification-at-a-glance>

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This is our new specification for first teaching in 2024. For our outgoing specification, visit [GCSE French \(8658\)](#).



## GCSE French

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Find all the information, support and resources you need to deliver our specification.

**Teaching from:** September 2024

**Exams from:** June 2026

**QAN code:** 610/2790/X



Specification

Planning resources

Teaching resources

Assessment resources

Speak to Mr Delitzeoglou or your French teacher

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