

GCSE French

Course Specifications	
Course Title:	GCSE French
Exam Board:	AQA
Link to specification:	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/specification-at-a-glance
Grading:	Foundation Tier Grades 1-5 Higher Tier: Grades 4-9

Course Details	
What will you learn?	
Year 10	
Autumn	Relationships with family and friends, Marriage/partnership, Social media, Mobile technology, Music, Cinema and TV, Food and eating out, Sport
Spring	Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities, Home, town, neighbourhood and region,
Summer	Charity/voluntary work, Healthy/unhealthy living.
Year 11	
Autumn	The environment, Poverty/homelessness, Travel and Tourism
Spring	My studies, Life at school/college, Education post-16
Summer	Jobs, careers, choices and ambitions.

How will you be assessed?	
During the course:	
Year 10:	End of unit assessments in two skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing), Mid Year Exam, End of Year Exam including a Speaking examination.
Year 11:	End of unit assessments in two skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing), PPE 1, PPE 2

At the end of the course:

Your final grade will be awarded based on the following examinations and / or coursework.

- **Paper 1: Listening Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)**
- **40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**

- **Paper 2: Speaking: Non-exam assessment**
- **7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time**
- **10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time**
- **60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**

- **Paper 3: Reading: Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier)**
- **60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**

- **Paper 4: Writing: Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)**
- **50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier**
- **25% of GCSE**

What independent work can you do?

Learn:

[French Subject Content Vocabulary](#)

RAG and Revisit:

[PLC](#)

Explore:

Authentic Audio and Video in French – You Tube, TV5 [BBC Bitesize](#)

Revise:

Pearson for AQA Revision guide and workbook

Prepare:

[AQA Assessment Resources](#)

Which resources should you use?

Textbooks, websites, online resources

Kerboodle online textbook and resources (Foundation and Higher)

GCSE Pod

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Languagenut.com

Linguascope.com

Senecalarning.com