

Year 9 Options 2021



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...



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- 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

- **Students are studying GCSE French with AQA.**
- **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.



GSCE Content



1. Identity and culture

Me, my family and friends

Technology in everyday life

Free-time activities

Customs and festivals

2. Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Home, town, region,
neighbourhood,

Social issues

Global issues

Travel and tourism

3. Current and future study and employment

My studies

Life at school
and college

Education post-16

Jobs, career choices

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Year 9 Options | Assessment

GCSE FRENCH

Foundation tier (Grade 1 to 5)

Higher Tier (Grade 4 to 9)

2. Speaking exam 25% of GCSE

- **Role-play** (2/3 min)
- **Photo card** (2/3 min)
- **General conversation** (3 to 7 min) on 3 main themes

1. Listening paper 25% of GCSE

3. Reading paper 25% of GCSE

- **Comprehension questions** to answer in English
- Comprehension questions to answer in French
- **Translation** of short texts into English

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4. Writing paper 25% of GCSE

- Responding to a photo picture (F)
- **Translation** from English into French
- **Writing tasks** (choice from 2 questions)

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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 | Activity


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On garde le contact

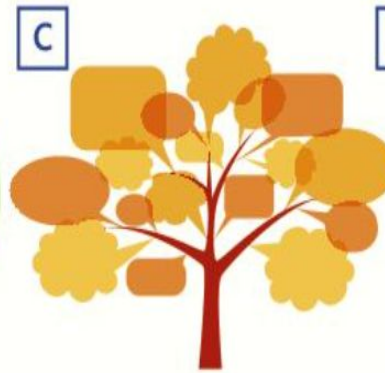
Talking about communicating online

The present tense of regular -er verbs

Memorising phrases

1a  Read what people do on social media (1–4) and match them with the pictures (A–D).

- 1 Je tchatte tous les jours avec mon copain.
- 2 Je partage mes photos avec mes amis.
- 3 Je communique tout le temps avec ma meilleure amie.
- 4 J'aime les forums de discussion.



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Year 9 Options | Activity

3 Photo card

- Look at the photo during the preparation period.
- Make any notes you wish to on an Additional Answer Sheet.
- Your teacher or partner will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to **Travel and tourism**.



Your teacher or partner will ask you the following three questions and then **two more questions** which you have not prepared.

- Qu'est-ce qu'il y a sur la photo?
- Qu'est-ce qu'on peut faire au camping?
- Où vas-tu passer tes vacances l'année prochaine? [15 marks]



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 (Intermediate section)
- 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-8658>

Teaching from: September 2016

Exams from: June 2018

Specification code: 8658

QAN code: 601/8157/6

Our GCSE French specification has been created with teachers to ensure our assessments are clear and accessible, with a range of topics which aim to expand students' cultural knowledge.

Students will be tested in listening, reading, speaking and writing and will develop transferable skills, relevant to further study and the world of work. The range of topics within the specification aims to inspire students who are interested in French culture and French speaking countries.

We've also created a variety of resources to support you in planning, teaching and assessing this specification, in a way that stimulates and motivates your students.



The image shows the cover of the AQA GCSE French (8658) specification. It features the AQA logo at the top, followed by the text 'GCSE FRENCH (8658)'. Below this is a stylized map of France with the French flag colors (blue, white, and red) integrated into the map's outline.

 Download specification

speak to IVIR Delitzeogiou or your French teacher

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