

GCSE FRENCH



It may seem that everyone speaks English, but in fact 75% of the world's population doesn't. Languages are really important in the world we live in, and give you great skills for the rest of your life. Also, GCSE French is fun to study. You will develop your linguistic skills and cultural awareness through current songs, TV and video; and at text level through comics, poems and books, all authentically French!

The GCSE course in French will concentrate on three themes:

Theme 1 – Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

Relationships with family and friends, Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life and leisure time

Social media, Mobile technology, film and TV, music and books

Topic 3: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

Special occasions, clothes and food

Theme 2 – Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Travel and Tourism

Topic 3: Social issues

Charity/voluntary work, Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 4: Global issues

The environment, Poverty/homelessness

Theme 3 – Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies, life at school/college

Topic 2: Education post-16. Talking about plans hopes and wishes.

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

During the course, students will concentrate on the four areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the end of the two-year linear course, the skills developed in these areas will be tested at either Foundation or Higher Level.

How will you be assessed?

Paper 1 - Listening 25% exam

Paper 2 - Speaking 25% role-play, discussion about photo cards and general conversation

Paper 3 - Reading 25% exam questions and a translation from French into English

Paper 4 - Writing 25% exam translation from English into French, structured writing task or open-ended writing task.

For further information please contact Mrs Stephenson