

FRENCH

COURSE OVERVIEW

Modern foreign languages focus on phonics, vocabulary and grammar while developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Language learning broadens horizons and enables greater global understanding through exposure to the culture, traditions and history of the language being studied.

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

Theme 2: Popular Culture

Theme 3: Communication and the world around us.

The course builds on work completed in Year 9. Students will continue to develop the four key skills of reading, listening, writing and speaking and will have the opportunity to work with the French Assistant.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

The course will give you cultural knowledge whilst developing your language skills. By the end of Year 11, you will be able to:

- Follow and understand clear standard speech and written texts across a range of contexts;
- Take part in a short conversation, asking and answering questions, and exchanging opinions;
- Produce clear and coherent extended written work to present facts and express ideas and opinions.

Speaking another language makes you stand out from the crowd and helps you gain many transferable skills such as problem-solving, the ability to work in a team, flexibility and greater awareness of other cultures. You will also develop your communication, critical thinking, independence, resourcefulness and adaptability which are all vital skills for the workplace.



“French can be very interesting and fun to learn when you want to commit to it.”



Qualification: **GCSE**

Awarding Body: **AQA**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

The assessment is split into 4 papers:

- 25% - Writing examination
- 25% - Speaking examination
- 25% - Listening examination
- 25% - Reading examination

This is a tiered entry subject.

Foundation Tier – Grades 5 - 1

Higher Tier – Grades 9 - 3

POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

Languages are one of the EBACC subjects, one of the subjects which provide students with greater opportunities in further education and employment. Languages are considered a subject essential to many degree courses and open up a wider variety of options for future study and work.

Employers are keen on finding candidates with a language qualification at any level and the salary offered can be between 8 to 20% higher, were you to use your language in the workplace. Here are a few examples of careers where languages are needed or useful:

International Law and Government, Management and Marketing, Travel and Tourism, Translation, Engineering, Teaching, Medicine.

Languages are facilitating subjects, according to The Russell Group Universities. These are subjects which can set candidates apart and give them an advantage during the selection process.

Whether you want to develop your communication skills, multi-task effectively, become adept at analysing situations and coming up with solutions, languages can help you build the skill set you need to get ahead.