

Curriculum Booklet KS4

Subject: GCSE French



GCSE French is a qualification that is highly valued by employers and by Higher Education Institutions. The qualification aims not only to teach pupils to communicate in French but also to broaden horizons, develop cultural knowledge and understanding and foster transferable skills such as confidence, communication, problem solving and creativity. The specification builds on what pupils have studied at Key Stage 3 and encourages pupils to produce language with increasing accuracy. The GCSE course is well adapted to the demands of modern life since pupils work in everyday situations which enable them to put the language into real use. The basic skills acquired at GCSE are useful if you would like to start one or more languages in the sixth form or in Higher Education and the communication skills are valued by employers. Assessment of the course is split equally between the four skills (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing) and it takes place at the end of year 11. It is expected that all pupils use quizlet.com and Duolingo.com as a way of improving their vocabulary regularly at home.

<p>Year 10</p> <p>In year 10, pupils recap grammar taught at Key Stage 3. The modules of work covered also include; <i>Self and relationships, Local area, Travel and Transport, School life and studies, Health and Fitness, Entertainment and Leisure, Food and Drink, Festivals and Celebrations and Holidays and Tourism.</i></p> <p>In all of these units, pupils will be expected to learn vocabulary, apply grammatical rules, practise their language in real life contexts and write with accuracy for a variety of purposes.</p>		<p>Year 11</p> <p>In Year 11, pupils will cover the following modules of work; Technology and Social Media, Local and Regional Characteristics of France, Employment, Skills and Personal Qualities, Post-16 study, Career Plans, the Environment and Social Issues.</p> <p>At the end of April, pupils will sit the oral examination. In May/June, pupils will sit the Listening, Reading and Writing examinations.</p>	
Assessment			
<p>Unit 1 (25%) —Oral examination. This exam is carried out by the class teacher and includes a Role Play, a Photocard and two conversations.</p> <p>Unit 2 (25%) —Listening examination. This exam contains extracts from a variety of sources which pupils must respond to.</p> <p>Unit 3 (25%) - Reading and Translation examination. This exam contains extracts from a variety of sources and translation from French to English.</p> <p>Unit 4 (25%) - Writing examination. This exam requires pupils to write around 250 words and includes translation from English to French.</p>			
Course Title	Exam Board	Specification Code	Website
GCSE French	WJEC		http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/french/r-french-gcse-from-2016/
<p>Next steps: French GCSE leads on to AS and A-level French. Students can then go onto to study a wide variety of degree courses at university; including many joint honours degrees such as Law and French, Maths and French or Journalism and French. Students could then aim for a career in; Translation, Teaching, Law, Journalism, International Relations, the Civil Service, Public Relations, Advertising, Politics and many science fields where a language is necessary for communication.</p>			
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