

# FRENCH

France is the closest of our European neighbours, it is important to continue with the study of French to GCSE at least, to give you the foundations of the language.

French is widely spoken throughout the world. Studying French will give you many opportunities in the future. Good foreign language skills are in short supply and can be used in many different jobs. Translating, interpreting and the travel industry obviously require linguists, but so too do many other areas of employment - financial services, marketing, civil and diplomatic services, engineering, logistics and journalism, to name just a few. Maybe you will use your language skills and understanding of French culture to make your holidays more enriching and enjoyable. Either way, there are many benefits to learning French.

## COURSE CONTENT

Through studying GCSE French, students should develop their ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language for authentic purposes and about subjects which are meaningful and interesting to them.

The study of French at GCSE should also build their confidence and broaden their horizons, enabling them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries, develop new ways of seeing the world, and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language. It is important that students following a GCSE French course should become familiar with aspects of the contexts and cultures of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.

## TEXTBOOK

AQA GCSE French (Higher).

## ASSESSMENT: AQA (8658)

The specification covers three distinct themes. Theme 1: People and lifestyle, Theme 2: Popular Culture, Theme 3: Communication and the world around us.

These themes apply to all four question papers. The scheme of assessment is linear. Candidates sit the AQA GCSE examination, testing the skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, each worth 25% of the GCSE. There is an option of Foundation or Higher Tier in the Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. However, students must take all 4 at the same tier. All skill areas are assessed externally.

GCSE French had been a true milestone for me. I am very grateful for the amazing experience and I have become immensely interested in the subject over the two years, and have decided to take it as an A-level subject. I have never done French before GCSE, so I was a beginner with absolute zero prior knowledge to the language. However I took the challenge with ease under my teacher's encouragement and help, who really offered individual attention when needed and made this journey so much easier than I thought. What I love about GCSE French, rather than any other subject is that you can apply what you have learnt immediately. Of course, what is most fascinating about learning French in GCSE is that at the end of it, you could speak to millions more people in the world! It might seem daunting to take a modern language, but it is not intimidating at all when you have all the right help from teachers, and with hard work, you can surely get a lot out of these two years! Definitely recommend GCSE French to be one of your choices.

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