



FRENCH

What will you study during the course?

French grammar, vocabulary and structures in GCSE Contexts.

Themes

- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday, travel
- School
- Future aspirations, study and work
- International and global dimension

Skills

You will:

- develop your ability to use French effectively for communicating in “real life” situations
- increase your understanding and awareness of France, its people and their way of life
- form a sound base of the skills required for further study, work and leisure
- develop an awareness and understanding of the nature of language learning

How will the course be taught?

- We build on the topics already studied at Key Stage 3 and the themes listed above
- We have 5 timetabled lessons a fortnight. This includes one session in M5 to work independently
- We use the interactive packages ActiveTeach and ActiveLearn, with the student textbook and a student workbook. You will also be given a Charters GCSE study guide.
- You will be given the opportunity to participate in a week's homestay visit with tailor-made lessons in France in the summer term of Year 10

How will your work be assessed?

You will be tested regularly on vocabulary and grammar and there will be internal assessments in preparation for the GCSE.

For the final examinations at the end of Year 11, students are entered for either Foundation or Higher tiers in all four of the following papers.

Paper 1: Listening (25% of final GCSE)

You will need to respond to questions in both English and French.

Paper 2: Speaking (25% of final GCSE)

There are three elements to the speaking exam:

- Role play
- Picture stimulus
- Conversation

Paper 3: Reading (25% of final GCSE)

You will need to respond to questions in both English and French and will be required to translate a French text into English.

Paper 4: Writing (25% of final GCSE)

You will be asked to produce written work of increasing complexity over the course of the paper. This will include an extended piece of structured writing and the translation of an English text into French.

Where can it lead?

Speaking another language is an important skill, valued in business and other professional sectors. It complements all subjects. There are many job opportunities where languages can be used, such as: Marketing; Law; Banking; Publishing; Translating; Journalism; Sport; Fashion; Teaching; Sales; Telecommunications; Public Relations; Engineering; Tour Operators; Hotel and Catering; Manufacturing. Increasingly, universities are requesting a GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language as a facilitating subject.