

GCSE French

'Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about' – **Benjamin Lee Whorf**



Course Overview



Scholars follow the AQA GCSE course over three lessons per week in Year 10 and 11. Throughout the course, scholars will learn high frequency, transferable language and they will study a range of topics.

At Key Stage 4 we will build on the foundational knowledge and skills developed at Key Stage 3, expanding scholars' knowledge of vocabulary, structures and grammar surrounding topics such as Education and work, Customs, festivals and celebrations, Travel and Tourism, as well as venturing into new topics such as Celebrity culture, the Environment and Technology.

Scholars tackle each of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing across each of these topics, developing them into confident problem-solvers and communicators.

Scholars are provided with a range of useful resources and guidance to support their revision.

What are the topics I will study?

- Theme 1: People and lifestyle
- Theme 2: Popular culture
- Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

What skills and knowledge will I develop?

Studying a language opens up many opportunities for future careers as it helps you to develop a range of important skills that are essential in the workplace. When learning a foreign language, you develop communication skills, confidence, social skills, resilience, problem solving skills and open mindedness – these are all skills which top employers are looking for so learning a language will makes you stand out from the crowd.

Further reading

[AQA | GCSE | French | Specification at a glance – www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

Qualification Details

- **Qualification:** GCSE
- **Exam board:** AQA
- Included in the EBACC award

Assessment Pathway

GCSE French is a linear course which means it is assessed at the end of Year 11. The exams are split into Higher and Foundation. There are four exams, one in each skill:

Listening (25%)

Higher 1 hour 15 mins

Foundation 1 hour

Speaking (25%)

Higher 10 – 12 mins

Foundation 7 – 9 mins

Reading (25%)

Higher 1 hour

Foundation 45 mins

Writing (25%)

Higher 45 mins

Foundation 35 mins

Possible Careers

- International Law
- Interpreting/Translation
- International Business and Marketing

Employability Skills:

- **Problem Solving:** The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.
- **Speaking:** The oral transmission of information or ideas.

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