
Course highlights:

Speaking another language opens up a world of opportunities. Language skills are in high demand in an extremely competitive job market and an international career can be extremely rewarding. Research has shown that studying a language will also provide you with invaluable communications skills as well as improving your decisiveness, problem-solving ability and negotiation skills.

In addition, by taking French at GCSE you do not just learn the language, you get to find out about other people, countries and cultures so it really is an interesting and varied subject.

Learning styles used:

French classes at KS4 are fun and interactive and you cover things at a slightly quicker pace than at KS3, but this is good as you will easily notice the improvements that you make in your foreign language. In class, you get to study a wide range of topics including holidays, school and free-time, and lessons will include a range of activities to develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. You will continue to use Active Learn and other websites for some home works.

How is it assessed?

We will follow the AQA specification. The course is based around the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

The course is assessed by four examinations, all at the end of the course and each element is worth 25% of the final grade.

- Paper 1 - Listening
- Paper 2 - Speaking
- Paper 3 - Reading
- Paper 4 – Writing

There are two tiers of entry foundation for grades 1 – 5 and higher for grades 5 - 9.

Other Information:

French can take you places.

Learning outside the classroom is a vital part of learning any language and for GCSE French there will be a study trip to Paris. This gives students a chance to immerse themselves in the language and culture they are learning.

Sixth form pathways & careers available from this course:

French GCSE leads into French 'A' Level post 16. This subject opens up a wealth of opportunities; French is great for a wide variety of careers especially those involving translation or communication with people from non-English speaking countries. This can include careers in tourism, government, politics, media, publishing, and journalism.

You can also work in education, fashion or law!

Course combinations:

Languages go well with subjects like English Literature, History and Geography as they are closely linked and can inform each other. Learning a bit about the French Revolution in History? Knowing some French could give you a whole new perspective!

Please see **Mrs Jamieson (A26)** to discuss this course.