

GCSE French – AQA (8658)



What will I learn on this course?

- You will develop your ability to use the language effectively in a variety of real-life situations
- We will provide a suitable foundation for further study or practical use
- You will develop your knowledge and understanding of French culture
- We will provide enjoyment and intellectual stimulation.

How is the course structured and assessed?

The course is structured as follows:

- Theme 1: Identity and culture (Me, my family and friends; Technology in everyday life; Free-time activities; Customs and festivals)
- Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest (Home, town, region; Social issues; Charity/voluntary work; Healthy living; Global issues; Travel and tourism)
- Theme 3: Current and future study and employment (My studies; Life at school/college; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions)

Students will be assessed at the end of the course as follows:

- Paper 1 - Listening exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier). 40/50 marks
- Paper 2 - Speaking exam: 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier). 60 marks
- Paper 3 - Reading exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier). 60 marks
- Paper 4 - Written exam: 1 hour 5 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 20 minutes (Higher Tier). 50/60marks

How will I study?

The course is divided into the four key skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing – each skill area contributes 25% to the final GCSE grade. All skills are examined at the end of the course, with no controlled assessment.



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