



# GCSE French

- CORE COMPULSORY
- NON-QUALIFICATION
- OPTION
- EBACC SUBJECT

Examination board: AQA

Course code: 8652

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Course Description
<p>French GCSE is available to all students. You will learn to speak and write at a more advanced level, and since you have covered many of the topics in years 7-9, you will be in a strong position to get good grades! You will develop your communication skills, your understanding of grammar and your knowledge of French speaking countries (including Haiti, Canada and Ivory Coast) and their cultures.</p> <p>If you enjoy learning through film clips, songs, articles and apps, French is a great choice for you! Be prepared for pair and group work alongside independent work. Recent studies have proven that learning a foreign language can delay the onset of dementia, fight depression and improve confidence. What are you waiting for?</p> <p>By the end of Year 11 you will have covered the following areas:</p> <p><b>Theme 1: People and lifestyle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic 1: Identity and relationships with others</li><li>• Topic 2: Healthy living and lifestyle</li><li>• Topic 3: Education and work</li></ul> <p><b>Theme 2: Popular culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic 1: Free-time activities</li><li>• Topic 2: Customs, festivals and celebrations</li><li>• Topic 3: Celebrity culture</li></ul> <p><b>Theme 3: Communication and the world around us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic 1: Travel and tourism, including places of interest</li><li>• Topic 2: Media and technology</li><li>• Topic 3: The environment and where people live</li><li>•</li></ul>

Assessment
<p>At the end of your course you will sit an examination in four skill areas, each of which is worth 25% of your total mark.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Listening – understand and respond to different types of spoken language.</li><li>2. Speaking – communicate and interact effectively in speech including describing a photo.</li><li>3. Reading – understand different types of written language and translate into English.</li><li>4. Writing – communicate in writing and translate into French.</li></ol>

Further education opportunities
<p>The knowledge of a foreign language would be an advantage for furthering your career in any field and some universities and colleges may require this as a condition of entry.</p>

Entry Requirements
None

Key Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Effective communication</li><li>○ Collaboration</li><li>○ Problem solving</li><li>○ Memorisation techniques</li><li>○ Adaptability</li><li>○ Tolerance of other cultures</li><li>○ Global awareness</li></ul> <p>The course is designed to enable you to <b>communicate</b> in real life situations in French speaking countries or whilst speaking with native French speakers.</p>

Cost
Pearson - AQA GCSE- Revision workbook- ISBN-10:129739754 (Higher & Foundation) Approx. £6.50. For exams from 2026

Careers
A grade 5 or above in GCSE French will enable you to continue your studies of French at AS and A2 levels. Career opportunities in numerous areas, including travel and tourism, the media, journalism, MI5, sales and marketing, customer support, education, translating and interpreting and many more.

Enrichment and Support
Small group support after school is available and all students receive an ActiveHub and Languagenut account to provide personalised support.