

FRENCH

KS4 (AQA GCSE French)

Curriculum Overview

The Year 11 course follows the AQA 2016 specification for GCSE French. The course aims to ‘...enable students of all abilities to develop their French language skills to their full potential, equipping them with the knowledge to communicate in a variety of contexts with confidence.’

This course is in its final year with the last students sitting exams for this specification in Summer 2025.

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Course Content & Skill Development

Students study all of 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

Specification Link

[AQA GCSE French 8658 for final exam in May 2025](#)

When and how assessment of learning will happen (throughout the course):

Students will sit a mock exam in November and in March. In addition to this, students will complete a speaking mock exam in February. Students sit the final exam in May and June as per the AQA exam timetable.



The final exams/ assessment:

Listening:

Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

Paper 1

Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)

40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)

25% of GCSE

(Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.)

Speaking:

Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes

Paper 2

Non-exam assessment; 7–9 minutes

(Foundation Tier) + preparation time; 10–12 minutes

(Higher Tier) + preparation time, 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

25% of GCSE

Reading:

Understanding and responding to different types of written language

Paper 3

Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier)

60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

25% of GCSE

Writing:

Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes

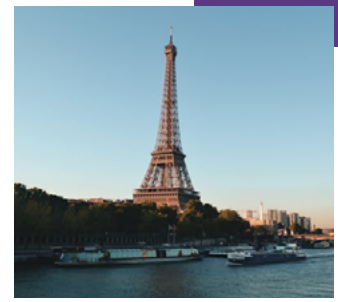
Paper 4

Written exam:

(Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes

(Higher Tier) 50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier

25% of GCSE



Home Learning Expectations

Students are set weekly vocabulary and grammar based homework tasks to be completed independently.



Useful Information

[Quizlet:](#)

[Seneca:](#)

[BBC Bitesize:](#)

[Study Stack](#)

[Youtube.](#)

[AQA](#)

