

Aims of the course

1. To enable the student to develop their understanding of the language in a variety of contexts.
2. To enable the student to develop their language learning skills.
3. To enable the student to develop their ability to communicate effectively in French
4. Help the student to recognise their linguistic knowledge, understanding and skills that help them to take their place in a multilingual global society.
5. To enable students to gain success at GCSE.

Course content

We are very pleased to be able to offer GCSE French as a 2 year course. During this course, students will gain expertise in the four Skill Areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Teaching and learning at GCSE takes place through a variety of ways including the use of online resources as well as some authentic French materials. Extra revision and support classes are also available throughout the course.

Examination

The course has four components.

1	Listening	Exam	Year 11	25% of GCSE grade
2	Speaking	Exam	Year 11	25% of GCSE grade
3	Reading	Exam	Year 11	25% of GCSE grade
4	Writing	Exam	Year 11	25% of GCSE grade

Entry will be either Higher or Foundation Tier. The student will be entered at the relevant tier following consultation with the Teacher in Year 11.

Post-16 opportunities:

Success at GCSE will allow the student to consider further study either to A level and Degree. For those who gain success but do not wish to continue their Modern Language studies, it should be appreciated that – in our modern international trading world – evidence of study of a Modern Language is seen as extremely beneficial by a prospective employer. Most occupations are enhanced by being able to show competence in a Foreign Language.

How can I support my studies at home?

I can use a variety of online learning platforms such as:

SENECA, GCSE bitesize, duolingo, quizlet, Newsinslow French website

YouTube is a great learning resource for any budding linguist from tutorials on grammar to songs in target language.

Lyrics training app with gap fills to French songs

Netflix, you may think this doesn't belong here, but it does! This is a great resource for improving your reading and listening Skills by watching your favourite films and series in target language as well as watching traditional French shows

Career opportunities

With languages, the world really is your oyster! any job that can be done here in England, can be done by you in any French speaking country around the world as long as you can speak French, of course!. Here are some interesting jobs that require language skills in fields that you may not have thought of;

Law

Game development

Special Services

International relations

Marketing and Advertising

Hospitality and Tourism

Media and Journalism

Publishing

Recruitment and HR

Sales and Telesales

International trade

Education

Sports

Engineering

Medicine and Health Care

Charity and volunteer work