



YEAR 11 GCSE French Curriculum

The GCSE French course is a linear, two-year course with no controlled assessment or coursework, working towards four exams at the end of Year 11 in Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing

Core content

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



Scheme of Learning

Autumn Term:

- Theme 1: Free Time
- Theme 2: Travel & Tourism
- Theme 2: Charity & Voluntary work and Environment & Homelessness (overview of key vocabulary & structures incorporated into Revision & Preparation for Mock Exams)

Spring Term:

- Theme 3: Education post-16 & Jobs, career choices and ambitions
- Theme 1: Healthy & Unhealthy Living

Summer Term:

- Revision & preparation for GCSE Oral Exam
- Revision & Preparation for Listening, Reading & Writing Exams



Assessment

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

Each paper is worth 25%

Paper 1: Listening (Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier))

Paper 2: Speaking (7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time, 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time. Includes Roleplay, Photo Card, Conversation)

Paper 3: Reading (Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier). Includes Translation from French into English.

Paper 4: Writing (Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier). Includes Translation from English into French)

Grammar & Language Skills:

Verbs: Perfect Tense, Imperfect Tense, Future Tense, Pluperfect Tense, Verbs of possibility, *en* + present participle, Conditional Tense, Reflexive Verbs in the Perfect Tense, *quand* + future tense, *permettre de* + infinitive

Linguistic skills: *en/au/aux/à* + towns & countries, using *ce que*, expressions of quantity, negatives, *si* clauses, *depuis* + present tense, comparatives & superlatives, *en* & *y*, *après avoir* & *avant de* + infinitive, *depuis* + present tense