

OPTIONAL SUBJECT

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)

EXAM BOARD	AQA
QUALIFICATION	GCSE FRENCH 8658
PERIODS PER WEEK IN YEAR 11	2
HOME LEARNING EXPECTATION	1 HOUR PER WEEK

THE COURSE

The Modern Foreign Languages Department are following the AQA examination syllabus. Students have the opportunity to sit the listening, reading and writing exam in May of Year 11 and the speaking exam with their class teacher in Spring of Year 11.

There are two tiers in GCSE Modern Foreign Languages:
Foundation and Higher

What will you study?

Each theme provides a context where learners explore the target language countries and communities.

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

- 1.1** Relationships with family and friends and marriage and partnerships
- 1.2.** Social media and mobile technology
- 1.3** Music, cinema, TV, food, eating out and sport
- 1.4** Customs and festivals in French speaking countries

Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest

- 2.1** Home, town and region
- 2.2** Charity-related activities, fundraising, healthy and unhealthy living
- 2.3** The environment, poverty and homelessness
- 2.4** Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and Future Study and Employment

- 3.1** My studies
- 3.2** Life at school and college
- 3.3** Education post- 16
- 3.4** Jobs, career choices and ambitions

ASSESSMENT

The examination structure is as follows:

- Speaking assessment (7-12 minutes) = 25% of overall grade
- Listening exam = 25% of overall grade
- Reading exam = 25% of overall grade
- Written exam = 25% of overall grade

What key skills will you develop?

- Memory & Recognition
- Communication & Listening
- Presentation Skills
- Creativity
- Problem Solving
- Empathy
- Interpersonal Skills
- Self-Reliance

What careers will this subject help prepare you for?

- Business Management
- International Marketing Manager
- Translator
- Interpreter
- Event Management
- Tour Guide
- Civil Service
- Sales Manager
- Travel Agent
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Medicine & Healthcare

LINK TO FURTHER STUDY AND CAREERS

The GCSE course is designed to prepare students for further study in the language AS and A-level courses in modern foreign languages.

Possible future careers include teaching, interpreting, journalism, marketing and politics.

USEFUL RESOURCES

www.wordreference.com

www.verbix.com

www.bbc.co.uk/classclips

www.linguascope.com

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize