

GCSE French

AQA

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GCSE French Years 10-11

This is a two year course which incorporates all the topics, vocabulary and grammar which you have already learnt in Years 7 to 9.

You will expand and consolidate your prior knowledge using the four skills - listening, reading, writing and speaking - which you have already been using at KS3.

The four skills will be tested in four separate question papers.

The specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers.

Theme 1

Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationship with family and friends
 - Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
 - Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

Theme 2

Local, national, international and global areas of interest.

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3

Current and future study and employment.

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post -16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

How is the exam made up?

Listening
Speaking

Reading
Writing

- **There are 4 exams - listening, speaking, reading and writing.**
- **Each exam is worth 25% of the total GCSE mark.**
- **All exams are taken at the end of Y11. There are no controlled assessments or coursework.**
- **You can either do all foundation papers (grades 1-5) or all higher papers (grades 4-9).**

Paper 1

Listening

Written exam

- 35 minutes for Foundation Tier, 40 marks.
 - or
 - 45 minutes for Higher Tier, 50 marks.
- No dictionaries allowed.
 - 5 minutes reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.
 - Section A, questions in English to be answered in English.
 - Section B, questions in French to be answered in French or non-verbally (ie letters/numbers).

Paper 2

Speaking

Oral exam

- 7 to 9 minutes for Foundation Tier plus preparation time.
- or
- 10 to 12 minutes for Higher Tier plus preparation time.
- 60 marks for each Foundation Tier and Higher Tier.

- No dictionaries allowed.
- Role-play
- Photocard
- General conversation

Paper 3

Reading

Written exam

- 45 minutes for Foundation Tier.
 - or
 - 60 minutes for Higher Tier.
 - 60 marks for each Foundation Tier and Higher Tier.
- No dictionaries allowed.
 - Section A, questions in English to be answered in English.
 - Section B, questions in French to be answered in French or non-verbally (ie letters/numbers).
 - Section C, translation from French into English.

Paper 4

Writing

Written exam

- 1 hour for Foundation Tier, 50 marks.
- or
- 1 hour 15 minutes for Higher Tier, 60 marks.

- No dictionaries allowed.
- Foundation:
 - Question 1, short message.
 - Question 2, short passage
 - Question 3, translation from English into French.
 - Question 4, structured writing task.
- Higher:
 - Question 1, structured writing task
 - Question 2, open-ended writing task.
 - Question 3, translation from English into French.