

GCSE French

Career Pathways	GCSE French can lead to a range of careers, including: pilot, flight attendant, travel rep government worker (UN, diplomat, civil servant, MI5, GCHQ etc.), translator and interpreter, journalist, hotel worker, buyer, armed forces, engineer, video games tester etc. It also puts you at an advantage if you want to study other subjects such as Science, Business and Law. Speaking another language will enable you to work at company with links abroad, give you the opportunity to travel whilst earning money or to work in a different country entirely!
Examination Board	Edexcel
Is this the right subject for me?	<p>If you enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating in a foreign language and finding out about how language works • Finding out about different countries and cultures • Using your creativity to express your ideas and points of view • Working hard and using your independent learning skills to overcome challenges
What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?	You need to have studied French at Key Stage 3 and be aiming to achieve at least a Secure by the end of Year 9 in order to access the higher level grades. An interest in different countries and cultures is a great asset. If you are a self-motivated, hardworking student who enjoys a challenge and is willing to put in lots of practice and not give up, you will make an ideal candidate for GCSE French.
What will I learn?	<p>Students will develop their skills in order to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen and respond to different types of language, and transcribe what they hear • Communicate in speech for a variety of purposes, including discussions and role plays • Read and respond to different types of written language, including extracts from books, poems, plays and songs, as well as translating into English • Communicate in writing for a variety of purposes, and translate from English into French • Use and understand a range of vocabulary and structures, including at least three tenses • Understand and apply the grammar of the language <p>The content that will be studied will cover the following contexts:</p> <p>Identity and culture – including self, family, friends, home life, shopping, meals, healthy living, illness and accident, free time, fashion, relationships, future plans. Role play: at the doctors, at the hospital, shopping.</p> <p>Local area, holiday, travel – including home town, local environment, pollution, recycling, local facilities, travel and holidays, comparisons with other towns and regions, weather and seasons. Role play: booking a hotel/restaurant, ordering meals, making complaints, tourist office enquiries.</p> <p>School – including the French school system, subjects, purpose of education, opinions and routines.</p> <p>Future aspirations, study and work – including media, social issues, work experience, part time jobs, future careers, technology (sending messages, accessing information). International and global dimension including life in the countries and communities where the language is spoken.</p>
How the course will be assessed?	All four components (listening, speaking, reading and writing) are worth 25% each and will be assessed through examination at the end of the course. Students will be entered for Foundation (Grades 1 to 5) or Higher (Grades 4 to 9) across all four skills.