

French GCSE

Why study French at GCSE?

French holds official language status in nearly 30 countries globally, making it the fifth most widely spoken language across five continents. Choosing to learn French can significantly enhance your global communication skills, either in the world of work or if you wish to travel.

In our increasingly interconnected world, the importance of effective communication is on the rise, making proficiency in a modern language a valuable asset for career advancement. Acquiring French proficiency not only broadens your employment opportunities but also enables you to navigate diverse international contexts.

Additionally, French plays a crucial role in the diplomatic sphere, serving as the official language for various institutions, including the International Olympic Committee.

An often overlooked advantage of bilingualism is that mastering multiple languages can facilitate the learning process. As you grasp the nuances of sentence structure and grammar in French, you establish a solid foundation for acquiring other languages.

The course

The vocabulary in the Edexcel GCSE qualification enables students to communicate across a range of engaging and relatable thematic contexts, which are relevant to their current and future needs. The course follows six broad thematic contexts to provide a focus for the teaching and learning of the vocabulary and grammar :

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

Scheme of Assessment

Specification: Edexcel (taught from 2024)

- Paper 1: Speaking (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 2: Listening and understanding (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 3: Reading and understanding (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 4: Writing (25% of the GCSE grade)

Examinations will be taken in the summer term of Year 11.

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Where can French take you ?

- **Translation and Interpretation:** become a translator or interpreter, helping bridge language gaps in various industries such as healthcare, law, and international organizations.
- **Diplomacy and International Relations:** work in diplomatic services or international organisations, where proficiency in French is often valued.
- **Tourism and Hospitality:** pursue a career in the tourism and hospitality industry, working as a tour guide, travel agent, or in hotel management, especially in French-speaking regions.
- **Business and Commerce:** use your language skills in the business world by working for multinational companies, engaging in international trade, or becoming a liaison for companies doing business with French-speaking countries.
- **Media and Communications:** work in journalism, broadcasting, or digital media, where bilingual professionals are sought after to cover international news, conduct interviews, or create content for diverse audiences.
- **Nonprofit and NGOs:** join international nonprofits and non-governmental organisations. French is often a valuable asset in organisations dealing with development, humanitarian aid, and human rights.