

GCSE French – from September 2016

What will I learn?

Content and Vocabulary	Grammar	When?
Me, my family and friends	<i>Avoir</i> and <i>être</i> , reflexive verbs, position of adjectives, the future tense	Autumn Year 10
Technology in everyday life	The present tense of regular and irregular verbs, saying 'it' and 'that', <i>aller</i> and <i>faire</i> , direct and indirect object pronouns	Autumn Year 10
Free-time activities	Question words, perfect tense of regular verbs, quantities, verb + infinitive, using subordinating conjunctions, developing sentences	Spring Year 10
Customs and festivals	The perfect tense with <i>être</i> , reflexive verbs in the perfect tense, using common expressions in the imperfect tense	Spring Year 10
Home, town, neighbourhood and region	Revision of the position and agreement of adjectives, negative phrases, demonstrative adjectives	Summer Year 10
Social issues	modal verbs + infinitive, the conditional of common verbs, imperfect tense of <i>être</i> , <i>avoir</i> and <i>faire</i>	Summer Year 10
Global issues	Using <i>si</i> and present tense, the imperative, verbs of possibility, the conditional tense	Autumn Year 11
Travel and tourism	Using prepositions for countries and modes of transport, sequencing words and phrases, revision of the perfect tense, revision of the imperfect tense of -er verbs	Autumn Year 11
My studies, life at school and college	Using adverbs, revision of the perfect tense, using the comparative of adverbs, revision of modal verbs	Spring Year 11
Education post-16, jobs, career choices and ambitions	Using <i>ce qui</i> and <i>ce que</i> , revision of <i>si</i> clauses, using verbs of liking and disliking, the passive voice	Spring Year 11

How will I be assessed?

Exam Board: AQA

Specification: 8658

Throughout Year 10, you will complete a range of shorter assessments in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. These will take place in lesson time to build your confidence and skills when answering each of the different question types.

At the end of Year 10, you will complete a full mock exam paper under exam conditions in all four skills.

There is no coursework element to French GCSE; all skills are tested in exams at the end of Year 11 in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing which are each worth 25% of your total grade. You will not have access to a dictionary in the exam. This means that you must revise all content and grammar regularly, not just the topic you are currently studying.

How will I be taught?

GCSE French is taught by highly experienced teachers who are enthusiastic about and committed to language learning. You will be supported and challenged in your studies through a variety of activities, including pair and group work where appropriate. In turn, you are expected to learn vocabulary regularly and develop an understanding of the grammar we cover in lessons by learning independently at home. It is impossible to 'cram' for languages exams, so we expect you to spend at least 5-10 minutes per day at home on your language skills. We also run Language Clinic every lunchtime in A121 where you can get extra help with any aspect of your French studies.