

# French



**Qualification: GCSE**

**Equivalent to: 1 GCSE (grades 9-1)**

Only 6% of the global population are native English speakers.  
75% of the world's population know no English at all.  
77% of British exporters believe they lose business due to lack of language skills.  
More than 30% of British businesses want people for their language skills.  
Most employers do not require complete fluency.

Knowing another language can help you think better, analyse ideas and suggestions more clearly and get along with other people more easily.

People who speak more than one language will enhance their options in the workplace and career prospects. Languages can be combined with nearly any career path.

## **Course Content**

The GCSE course builds on skills acquired at KS3 within the themes; Identity & Culture; Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest; Current & Future Study & Employment.

The course is split into 4 units: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing

## **Assessment**

100% examination at the end of the course. You will take either foundation or higher tier. Each skill (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing) will account for 25% of the total Grade.

The speaking exam will be conducted by your teacher.

## **Who would enjoy and be successful on the course?**

If you are interested in the wider world and other cultures, if you enjoy communicating with other people, if you love a challenge, if you can persevere and are not afraid to have a go, then GCSE Languages are for you.

## **Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers**

You will be able to continue your study of French to A level. You may follow this with a degree in a foreign language either on its own or combined with another subject e.g. Law, ICT, Business etc. Associated employment might be as a translator, teacher, interpreter, resort manager, international marketing manager, bilingual secretary and diplomat or any job in a company that has an international outlook. Even with a GCSE language, many universities often offer placements abroad in addition to your main subject.