



GCSE French

<u>Examination Board:</u>	AQA
<u>Specification Code:</u>	8658
<u>Value:</u>	1 GCSE grade 9-1
<u>Assessment:</u>	100% examination
<u>Revision Guide:</u>	TBC
<u>Available Places:</u>	There is no restriction on available places



What will you learn and how will you use it?

Learning French is enriching and rewarding, exciting and fun. Remember a little language can make a lot of difference – English is not enough! The European Union wants everyone to speak at least one foreign language other than their own. Don't miss this opportunity. It could prove invaluable later.

3 themes will be studied over the course of Year 10 and 11. They are local, national, international and global areas of interest, identity and culture and current and future study and employment.

Who should consider GCSE French?

If you would like to work or travel abroad. Language GCSEs are regarded as a highly valuable qualification by colleges and universities. University College London, amongst others, has made a language GCSE a requirement for admission to all its courses and others are expected to do the same!

French is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts. French is the language of the three cities where the EU institutions are headquartered: Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg.

Being fluent in a second language is beneficial to reading, writing and listening in English! Language skills are important for many companies and other organisations.

It's enjoyable and great fun!

What further study can you go on to after completing the course?

On completion of your GCSE French course, you could progress to further education. Courses at Level 3 include GCE AS and A2 in French.

What are the employment opportunities from following this course?

20% of UK companies admit to losing trade because of a lack of language skills. A qualification in French makes you more employable – apart from good communication skills it shows employers that you are willing to learn new skills and welcome a challenge. It is well respected and can be a unique selling point whatever your career choice. People using languages at work can earn anything from 8-20% more on their salary. French can be useful in many areas of employment. Examples include Marketing Manager, Journalist, Games Designer, Engineer, Tourist Guide and Teacher.

For more details about GCSE French please talk to Miss Robb.