

Course information			
Year: 10		Subject: French	
Subject	French	Subject Lead contact information	Mrs E. McMinn emcminn@cottesloe.bucks.sch.uk
Examination Board	AQA	Specification Code	8658
Subject Content			
<p>The French GCSE curriculum is taught over two years, building on a knowledge of grammar and lexis taught lower down the school. Students will follow the three core GCSE themes over the two years and be able communicate their opinions on the following Year 10 topics.</p> <p>Theme 1 (Identity and culture)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family and relationships - Use of technology in everyday life - Free time activities - Customs and festivals <p>Theme 2 (Local, national and international areas of interest)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home, town, neighborhood and region • Social issues • Global issues • Travel and Tourism <p>Theme 3 (Education and employment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My studies • Life at school • Education post 16 • Jobs, career choices and ambitions. <p>Course content is supported by the Oxford University Press AQA 9-1 series of publications.</p>			
Additional Equipment Needed			
A French/English dictionary (we recommend the Collins dictionaries, or any with verb tables and a glossary of key terms included)			
Assessment Details:			
<p>Students are assessed at various end points throughout the course. Their speaking, listening, reading and writing competencies are evaluated. At the end of each unit, students will produce work that will begin to form the basis of their GCSE speaking examination.</p> <p>Students will be exposed to exemplar exam material at various points throughout the course and will also sit a full mock speaking examination.</p> <p>Students should ultimately be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in spontaneous conversation in French using familiar vocabulary • Produce extended writing containing a range of opinions, time frame, connectives and accurate spelling punctuation and grammatical terms. • Narrate or describe a picture or photo without any written support • Listen and read for gist, and accomplish reading/aural comprehension tasks where the vocabulary is largely unfamiliar • Conjugate most regular verbs into past, present and future forms • Be able to produce translations between French and English 			
What can I do to support my child at home?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an interest and ask them about their French lessons • Ensure they have completed any homework or independent revision • Your child will be given a booklet containing GCSE speaking exam questions; encourage your child to practice and learn their answers and the meaning of the questions • Get your child in a routine of doing 10 minutes daily of vocab building activity on a app or website – little and often is the best way to learn a language! • Encourage practice with any French-speaking friends or family 			

- Put the French audio/subtitles on a favourite family film
- Play French-language radio stations if you have digital or internet radio
- Change the language settings on your child's phone to French
- If possible, consider a family holiday to a French-speaking country!
- Allow your child to find a French-language series to watch on Netflix (please pre-watch to check for appropriateness!)

Recommended resources for the course:

Websites:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>
- http://www.rachelhawkes.com/Resources/GCSE_French/GCSEFrench.php
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/specification-at-a-glance>
- <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/french>
- <https://neiljones.org/category/french-ks4/>
- <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-french>
- www.senecalearning.com
- www.memrise.com
- www.languagesonline.org.uk
- <https://conjugator.reverso.net/conjugation-french.html>
- <https://français.lingolia.com/en/>
- <https://lingua.com/french/reading/>
- <https://monquotidien.playbacpresse.fr/>

Books:

- A French/English dictionary (we recommend the Collins dictionaries, or any with verb tables and a glossary of key terms included)
- If you wish to purchase a revision guide for your child, choose one which contains audio (either CD or download) to practice listening skills

Apps: Kerboodle, DuoLingo, Memrise, Seneca Learning, Mindsnacks, Newshound

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Additional Information:

Please make sure your child has added themselves to their French Google Classroom to access all homework set.