

| Course information | | | |
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| Year: 11 | | 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 11 topics, before everything is assessed cumulatively in their final GCSE exam.</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. | | | |
| Course content is supported by the Oxford University Press AQA 9-1 series of publications. | | | |
| 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: | | | |
| The GCSE examination is weighted as follows: | | | |
| <p>Speaking Exam – 25%</p> <p>Reading Exam – 25%</p> <p>Listening Exam – 25%</p> <p>Writing Exam – 25%</p> | | | |
| <p>Students are able to sit either the GCSE at either Higher or Foundation Tier. They will have sat mock exams in both tiers before the final decision is made. The speaking exam is conducted first and is on a one-to-one basis with the examiner. As part of their preparation students will have been completing a booklet of possible speaking exam questions at the end of each unit of study since Year 10.</p> | | | |
| <p>Students are able to have access to extra time requirements or other support (e.g. a scribe or laptop) in all four GCSE exams, but may not use a dictionary at any point in their exams.</p> | | | |
| 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/zr8bmf/>
- 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.