

FRENCH

at SCGSG

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AQA - Specification 8652



Why learn a language?

Travel

Even a little knowledge of the language can make a difference in attitude when you meet people from other countries. Speaking another language helps to break down barriers.

Work and business

It can help you give an added advantage in your career if you work for an international firm or a company with international customers or contacts.

Music, film, arts and culture

If you like literature, films or music from other countries, learning the language will help your appreciation and understanding.

Exam Requirements

Each paper has a weighting of 25% of the final mark.

Paper 1: Listening

Paper 2: Speaking

Paper 3: Reading

Paper 4: Writing

GCSE French

These examinations will test your proficiency in the skills of: listening, reading, writing and speaking. Each skill will be tested in four equally weighted examinations at the end of the two year course.

The speaking test will consist of a role play, a read aloud card and a photo stimulus and discussion in French/Spanish. This will be completed in the Spring Term of Year 11. The reading and listening papers will include comprehension questions to be answered in English, and a translation question into English on the reading paper. The writing paper will require you to translate some sentences into French, as well as writing two extended pieces about themes studied on the course.

Themes of study include: Identity and Relationships, Healthy Living and Lifestyle, Education and Work, Free-Time Activities, Customs Festivals and Celebrations, Celebrity Culture, Travel and Tourism, Media and Technology, The Environment and where people live.

In order to be successful you will need to work hard and adopt effective systems of organisation. Most importantly, you must enjoy the language and culture!

Students who are finding it difficult to decide upon a language, should consider studying both French and Spanish at GCSE level.



GCSE and Beyond...

The A-Level French qualification provides a good foundation for further language studies in higher education (degree level or equivalent), with some going on to study:

- Modern Languages at the University of Birmingham
- French and Spanish at University of Oxford
- Linguistics, Modern Languages and Cultures at University of Sheffield