

French GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE French: Specification - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

Examination Information:

GCSE French is assessed at Foundation Tier (grades 1-5) **OR** Higher Tier (grades 4-9). All question papers must be taken at the same tier. Students are examined in four skill areas; Speaking, Writing, Listening and Reading.

The Speaking Paper is conducted by the class teacher and marked by an AQA examiner. It consists of three parts – a role play, a photo-card and a general conversation.

The Writing Paper is assessed by final examination. It comprises structured tasks (including an element of choice) and a translation into French.

The Listening Paper is assessed by final examination and comprises questions answered in French and English.

The Reading Paper is assessed by final examination and comprises reading comprehension questions answered in French and English. There is also a translation into English on the reading paper.

How you can support your child:

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework and revision are highly recommended. There is a GCSE French catch-up/revision session on Friday lunchtimes.

In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their French GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards, if they are not already doing so. 15 minutes a day will significantly enhance their knowledge, skills and confidence with the language. This could be spent revising from their book, using the revision and grammar and translation resources provided last year, checking Moodle for further resources or revising from one of the many websites, which are available to them.

Learning a set amount of vocabulary each week and recapping the tenses we have covered are both vital to obtaining a good grade. Please do encourage your child to learn the key vocabulary for the short tests we have in school each week and test them on these vocabulary items where possible.

Key Websites:

www.languagesonline.org.uk – good for grammar revision

www.sentencebuilders.com – students have a login for this website

www.pearsonactivelearn.com – students have a login for this website and work is regularly set here.

www.thenational.academy – Oak Academy, a national academy of online lessons

www.senecalearning.com – students can set up their own login for this website. It has some very useful resources based on the AQA specification.

Moodle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Moodle – 2024-25 French Y11. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed.

If you have any queries at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the MFL curriculum area via the school or via email: info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk