

FRENCH

Learning a language is about far more than vocabulary and grammar. Languages open doors to new cultures, new people, and new opportunities. They build confidence, communication skills, and global awareness, all while being highly valued by universities and employers. French and Spanish are among the most widely spoken languages in the world, giving students a practical, exciting, and future-proof skill that lasts a lifetime. French is spoken on five continents and is the official language of international organisations, diplomacy, fashion, business, and travel. Studying French helps students become confident communicators while developing strong listening, reading, and writing skills that support success across the curriculum

Exam Board	Paper Specification	Subject Type
Pearson Edexcel	GCSE French (9-1) 2024 Specification	Option
Qualification Awarded		
GCSE French		

ASSESSMENT

Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding spoken French 45-60 minutes 	Exams take place at the end of Y11, with both Foundation and Higher Tier options. Each skill is equally weighted (25%)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding written French texts 45-60 minutes 	
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing structured responses in French 1 hour 15 minutes - 1 hour 20 minutes 	
Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read-aloud, Role play, picture task followed by conversation 7-12 minutes 	

EXPECTATIONS

French suits students who enjoy communication, culture, problem-solving, and challenge. Commitment and practice lead to rapid progress and real confidence. Choosing French empowers students to engage with diverse cultures and global citizens, fostering both linguistic skills and personal development.

Students will study Identity and Culture: family, relationships, social media, technology

- Local, National, and Global Areas of Interest: environment, travel, world issues
- Current and Future Study and Employment: school, careers, ambitions.

Students are expected to take an active part in lessons, speak French regularly, learn and revise vocabulary weekly, complete written and listening homework consistently, practise pronunciation and speaking at home, show resilience and confidence when communicating, even when making mistakes, and prepare thoroughly for mock exams and final exams.