



GCSE French

Course: **The Pearson Edexcel GCSE in French (9-1/ 1FRO)**

Length of Course: **2 Years**

Number of Lessons per Week: **3**

Assessment: **4 externally marked exam papers**

We strongly recommend that you should study a language to GCSE if you are able to do so.

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, then GCSE French is an excellent choice for you! You will develop the ability to communicate confidently with native speakers in speech and in writing, listen to and understand standard speech, and understand and respond to a range of authentic written material, including literary texts. You will add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which will improve your career prospects, creating greater opportunities for yourself to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. You will develop important personal skills which are useful in a wide range of future careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public, using problem-solving strategies, etc. You will deepen your knowledge about how language works and will acquire language-learning skills both for immediate use and as preparation for further language study and use in higher education or employment.



You will develop your language skills in the following contexts:

- **Identity and culture** – Me, my friends, family and role models, daily life and culture
- **Local area, holidays and travel** - tourist transactions (accommodation; things to do; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **School**:- the school day; subjects; rules and pressures; school trips, events and exchanges celebrating success
- **Future aspirations, study and work**- Using languages beyond the classroom; ambitions regarding further study and careers
- **The international and global dimension**.- international sports and music events; campaigns and good causes.

At the end of the course you will take four externally marked papers based on the four skills of **listening, speaking, reading and writing**. Each skill carries 25% of the total qualification. Students must be entered for either Foundation Tier or Higher Tier across all papers. For Foundation Tier grades 1-5 can be achieved (up to almost a current grade B); for Higher Tier, grades 4-9 can be achieved (from the current grade C to beyond A*).

What Careers might be open to me?

**Language Teaching Interpreting and Translation Travel and Tourism Journalism and the Media
Hospitality and Catering Industry and Business Banking Law Retail and Fashion
Scientific and Technical Translation The Civil Service Medicine Charities Marketing**