

Option Course: GCSE French

Year 10 Course content:

Students learn how to talk about themselves, their family and friends and their hobbies. They will be able to talk about where they live, their life, school and future. They also learn how to use tenses. Students then look at situations they might meet on a visit to France – finding their way, shopping, asking for information, changing money, and booking accommodation.

Year 11 Course content:

Students will learn to talk about food, healthy living, jobs and what they do at home. They will consider the language they would use when meeting young French people, for example, arranging to go out, talking about free time, films, TV and discussing social issues.

Assessment of the course:

Students are assessed in all four skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. There are some external exams taken as modules. The listening and reading components are worth 20% each towards the final grade

Internal Assessment & Speaking

Students also produce two pieces of written work which is marked by the exam board, and 2 speaking assignments are also undertaken and marked by teachers. Speaking and writing are worth 30% each towards the final grade.

How is the course taught?

Students will be expected to carry out tasks to practise all 4 skills. They will be encouraged to use the target language, work in groups, pairs and independently.

What skills are needed for the course?

Ability to listen and read for gist and detail. Confidence with spoken and written language. Understanding of grammatical concepts. An interest in learning a modern foreign language. A desire to learn a language is vital!!

What can I do with this subject?

A language can help with anything! 70% of businesses in the West Midlands say they use a foreign language in business and 50% say they use two. Many companies buy and sell from abroad and need people with knowledge of a language. Language graduates have a very high employment record and good salaries too!