



Subject/Qualification	French GCSE AQA
What is the course about?	The three topic areas studied are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Identity and culture (including such areas as sport, social media, relationships, customs and traditions)· Local, national, international and global areas of interest (including such areas as holidays, social and environmental issues)· Current and future study and employment (Post 16 options and future plans and daily life)
How is it assessed?	At the end of Year 11, there are examinations in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. The Listening examination will last between 35 and 45 minutes, depending on the tier and the Reading examination will last between 1 hour and 1 hour 15 minutes, depending on the tier. The Writing examination will last between 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes again depending on tier. The Speaking examination will last between 7 to 12 minutes and comprises of a role play, a photo card discussion and a conversation, the Speaking examination takes place over a period of five weeks between April and May of Year 11 (so this is completed and out of the way before the rest of your summer exams). All components of assessment are worth 25% each.
What can you do with this qualification?	In terms of future prospects, you can travel the world whether that's for pleasure or work, communicate with people in different countries, and you can combine languages with many degrees, from business to engineering, and if that's not enough, people with another language can earn up to 20% more than those who don't have another language.
Is there a main selling point?	Why should you choose to study a language? Well, of course, you should take it if you enjoy it! But there is also so much research and evidence around the benefits of language learning, one of the most important things in our world today is understanding and being aware of other cultures. French is an official language of 29 countries it is one of the main working languages of the European Union, the United Nations, the World Health Organisation and even FIFA! There is also strong evidence that shows learning another language helps improve your logic which develops your maths skills, it improves your memory and your knowledge and understanding of English/other languages.
What are the pre-course requirements?	Appreciation of other languages and cultures across the globe Passion to discover other countries and travel in the future Good organisation skills and be able to present work in a variety of ways
What other subject(s) does it combine well with?	French goes incredibly well with so many subjects but in particular sits with the following well: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business• Geography• Sociology