

## Year 11 GCSE French

(AQA Examinations Board)

### Subject content

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (FT) (grades 1-5) and a Higher Tier (HT) (grades 4-9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course. You will be assessed in the four skills detailed below. Each assessment contributes 25% towards the final GCSE grade for this subject.

### Listening

Understanding and responding to different styles of spoken language. Duration FT 35 mins / HT 45 mins. Plus 5 minutes reading time before the listening stimulus is played.

Listening tasks will include:

- Writing answers (in English and French) in response to recorded spoken language

### Reading

Understanding and responding to different types of written language. Duration FT 45 mins / HT 60 mins.

Reading tasks will include:

- Writing answers (in English and French) about a text
- Translation from French into English

### Speaking

Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes. Duration FT 7-9 mins / HT 10-12 mins.

Speaking tasks will be based on stimulus which will be provided by the examination board and will include:

- Role-play
- Photo
- General conversation



### Writing

Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes. Duration FT 60 mins / HT 75 mins.

Writing tasks will include:

- Structured writing tasks
- Open-ended writing tasks
- Translation from English into French

### Revision Tools

- GCSE BBC Bitesize French (this is excellent as it covers all of the four skills and is free of charge)
-  Pearson AQA Revision Guide } Audio files for the listening activities are accessible on-line
-  Pearson AQA Revision Workbook }