

# GCSE FRENCH

**EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA**

**SPECIFICATION CODE: 8658**

## Course content:

- Theme 1: Identity and culture
- Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

## How will I be assessed?

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier.

There are 4 areas of assessment:

- Paper 1 Listening exam (25% of GCSE).
- Paper 2 Speaking Non-exam assessment (25% of GCSE).
- Paper 3 Reading exam (25% of GCSE).
- Paper 4 Writing exam (25% of GCSE).

## EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF YEAR 11.

### What skills will I develop?

- Develop excellent communication and listening skills
- Understanding of the language through a variety of contexts and grammatical concepts
- Improve your self-confidence
- Enhance your creativity and personal thinking skills
- Cultural awareness of French speaking countries

### How could it help my future?

The study of any foreign language in today's world is an invaluable skill. Languages can open up an almost endless list of careers opportunities for you. For example: Interpreter, Journalist, Translator, Diplomatic Service Officer, Sales Executive, Tour Manager, Fashion, Bilingual Educator, Economist...

**"I picked French as a GCSE option because I want to travel a lot when I am older and knowing a language would be very useful. It is quite important to take a language at GCSE as it allows you to communicate with people from different countries. Moreover, learning another language can also help you to understand your own language better. For example, some of the French grammar I have learnt, I have also applied to English"** (Rose, Y10)

**I picked French because it has always intrigued me since I was very young. Learning a new language makes me feel special because I can communicate with other and learn unique culture. I have realised I have improved so much since the beginning of Year 9 because the teacher makes lessons super fun to consolidate our knowledge!** (Maisa, Y10)

