



FRENCH

GCSE

OPTION SUBJECT – CATEGORY A (BACCALAUREATE SUBJECT)

EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION CODE: 8658

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

A different language is a different vision of life. Learning another language helps to develop another way to think and also a better understanding of the English language.

You will develop the skills to communicate with others both by spoken and written means, which in turn will improve your social and thinking skills and your ability to cope with the unexpected.

With English no longer the most spoken first language in the world, a second or even third language is a great asset and not just on holiday.

A foreign language opens many doors in life and many career paths such as in international companies, the armed forces, performing arts and of course the leisure and tourism sector.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

To develop:

- The ability to communicate with native French speakers;
- A greater awareness of French culture;
- Personal social skills.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

There are 3 main themes:

1. Identity and Culture.
2. Local, national and international areas of interest.
3. Current and future study and employment.

These are covered through 8 topic areas:

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| 1. Who am I. | 5. The big wide world. |
| 2. Free Time. | 6. At School. |
| 3. Food, clothes and celebrations. | 7. Work. |
| 4. From town to country | 8. The environment and worldwide events |

Students will follow the Pearson Studio course, which is supplemented by online learning facilities.

ASSESSMENT

There are four tiered papers of equal weighting. Each skill is examined at the end of the 2 year course.

- 25% speaking
- 25% reading
- 25% writing
- 25% listening

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We are looking for students who will bring a high level of commitment and enthusiasm to the subject.