

**Name of course: GCSE French**  
**Examination board: Edexcel**  
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**How the course is assessed:**

- 100% externally assessed by the exam board
- Offers tiered papers and 25% assessment weightings per skill

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The GCSE French course consists of four units based on the following skills:

- speaking
- listening
- reading
- writing

**Key Subject Aims:** Pupils will develop their listening and reading comprehension skills as well as their ability to speak and write in a foreign language. They will learn more about the societies and culture of the countries where French is spoken.

**Suitability:**

The course is suitable for students who wish to learn and experience another culture. Without the ability to communicate and understand a culture on its own terms, (true) authentic access to that culture is barred. This language course is intellectually challenging, enabling students to gain a good foundation in experiencing both work and leisure elements of French - a necessary attribute for citizens in a global economy. Languages are part of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and complement other subjects, such as, Geography, History and Business Studies. They are also highly regarded by Universities and increasingly valued by businesses.

**Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:**

This course supports many careers which require face to face and written communication with international companies. Those wishing to move into careers in business, industry, languages, education and any career which requires study at University level, should consider a GCSE in a foreign language.