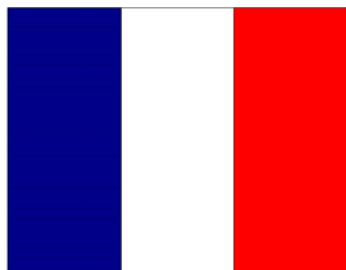


French GCSE

New Course for 2011



Exam Board: AQA

Duration: 2 Years

What is it worth? 1 GCSE

Why take this course? Who is it for?

Take this course if you have enjoyed the taster course in French at KS3 or at primary school and would like to know enough French to get by in French speaking countries. French is the main language in several European countries as well as in countries in Africa and in Canada.

If you enjoy a range of different activities and learning styles and would like to gain a life skill, not just a subject, learn a language! Learning a language makes you a better all round communicator and deepens your understanding of other cultures and countries – vital for life in the 21st century!

Languages are highly valued by both employers and universities because of their relative difficulty. People with languages qualifications often have better access to higher salaries because so few Britons have these skills. Access more of the world – learn a language!

What does this course involve?

Study several different modules useful for travel and work situations. You will do group and pair work as well as work on your own in a great range of activities: speaking, listening, challenges, games, ICT work, projects etc...

What possible progression routes are available after taking this course?

French A-Level would be an obvious route. But, studying languages is a good general stepping stone to any post-16 study

What are the special features?

There will be opportunities to create links with French students/schools and even the chance to visit France!

What possible careers follow on from this course?

A language can help you move up the pay scale in many jobs which involve any international links – business, banking, the armed forces, government etc... Interpreters and translators obviously need languages, but languages are also important for teaching. Languages are compulsory at primary school now, so most primary teachers will have to teach languages.

How you will be assessed?

The course is assessed across 4 units: Listening; Speaking; Reading and Writing

Listening and Reading are assessed by examination

Reading and Writing are assessed through coursework

Who do I see for further information?

Miss Goodwin