

KS4 French

Linguistic competence

Students will be taught:

Listening: understand and respond to spoken language

- demonstrate general and specific understanding of different types of familiar spoken language on a
- range of themes
- identify the overall message and key points from spoken language
- deduce meaning from more complex spoken passages
- to distinguish between the past, present and future events
- to answer questions on spoken material, extract information, evaluate and draw conclusions.

Speaking: communicate and interact in speech

- communicate and interact effectively in speech for a variety of purposes across a range of specified
- contexts
- take part in a short conversation, asking and answering questions, and exchanging opinions
- speak spontaneously, responding to unexpected questions
- narrate events, and produce extended sequences of speech
- to use the past, present and future tenses with relevant time markers
- initiate conversations through questioning
- use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures, including reference to past, present and
- future events
- add creativity and complexity to spoken language
- develop strategies to sustain communication
- use accurate pronunciation and intonation such as to be understood by a native speaker

Reading: understand and respond to written language

- demonstrate general and specific understanding of different types of familiar written language on a
- range of themes
- identify the overall message and key points from written language
- deduce meaning from more complex written texts and demonstrate understanding by scanning for
- meaning and key details, drawing inferences from what is written
- to distinguish between the past, present and future events
- to respond to questions on written material of different lengths and complexity
- translate a short passage from the assessed language into English

Writing: communicate in writing

- communicate effectively in writing for a variety of purposes across a range of specified contexts
- write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language accurately to convey meaning and
- exchange information
- produce extended pieces of writing, presenting facts and opinions
- to use the past, present and future tenses with relevant time markers
- to use a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures, showing manipulation of language, and
- creativity
- translate sentences and short texts from English into the assessed language, conveying key
- messages and applying grammatical knowledge

Year 10 French

GCSE Themes

The GCSE specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers, Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where French is spoken.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

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Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

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

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- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

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Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

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Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Year 11 French

Key Dates for the GCSE French Examinations 2025 (AQA):

21 May

Exam for GCSE French Paper 1 **Listening**

Start time: am

Duration: 35m / 45m

Exam for GCSE French Paper 3 **Reading**

Start time: am

Duration: 45m / 1h

5 June

Exam for GCSE French Paper 4 **Writing**

Start time: pm

Duration: 1h / 1h 15m

There will also be **Speaking** exams during **April / May** (dates to be confirmed)

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