

## Course Outline:

The following main topic areas are studied in Year 10 and 11

- Identity and culture
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment

## Skills/attributes developed/required:

During this course, students will gain the linguistic skills to communicate with people speaking a different language and discover different ways of thinking, as the lessons embed cultural aspects of language learning. Authentic material from target language countries will be used in every day teaching.

Students who study a foreign language are encouraged to become better writers, speakers and conversationalists, so the skills they acquire in their Modern Languages lessons will also help them in their other subjects. Furthermore, scientific studies demonstrate that studying another language has a positive impact on brain development and functioning. It enhances creativity, memory, problem solving skills and ambiguity tolerance.

## Examination Information

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Course outline:** Exams can be taken at a foundation (Grades 1-5) or higher tier (Grades 4-9). All four skills are tested during exams. Each skill is worth 25% of the final GCSE grade:

**Listening Test** – to test the understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

**Speaking Test** – to test the ability to communicate and interact effectively in speech for a variety of purposes. The speaking exam consists of three parts: (i) Conversation about a photo stimulus card (ii) Short role play (iii) Short general conversation

**Reading Test** – to test the understanding and response to different types of written language. This test also includes a short translation task (target language to English).

**Writing Test** – Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes. This exams consists of the following tasks: (i) Listing words (ii) Responding to messages (iii) Translation from English into target language (iv) A structured writing task.

## What Key Skills will I gain by taking French?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Analysing                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Learning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication - Verbal  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Thinking |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication - Written | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listening Skills     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Thinking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Skills             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debating                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Making                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Research                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-On / Technical Skills        | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Work                       |

## Where can it take me?

**Next Steps:** Modern Language graduates come out on top in terms of employability. Even if you do not continue to A-level or university, employers place considerable importance on a foreign language for GCSE.

**Future career opportunities that this subject may lead to:** Interpreter, Journalist, International Aid/ Development worker, Logistics and Distribution manager, Marketing Executive Engineer, Law, Sales Executive, Tour Manager, Publishing, Hospitality, Air and Sea Transport, Travel Agency Work. Diplomatic Service, Telecommunications, Teaching and Finance.