



<b>Exam board:</b> AQA	<b>Course Code:</b> 8658
<p><b>Outline of course:</b></p> <p>GCSE French is divided into 3 themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Identity and culture</li> <li>2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest</li> <li>3: Current and future study and employment</li> </ol> <p>Each theme is divided into four topics, among which students will find motivating sections such as social media, music, food and eating out, travel and tourism, healthy and unhealthy living, charity and voluntary work, the environment, etc.</p> <p>Students will learn to understand and provide information and opinions in the target language about these themes and relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including countries/communities where French is spoken. We will also be providing students with cultural enrichment during lesson time at various points throughout the course. This is not examined, but in MFL we think it is crucial that students gain a cultural insight into the countries where the language is spoken. This may take the form of an English discussion, where the objective is to inspire students. Studying French will also develop students' critical thinking and analytical skills, key skills for Sixth Form, the professional world and beyond.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <p>The assessment will consist of four exam papers, one on each of the linguistic skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading &amp; Responding, and Writing. All four exams are equally weighted at 25% of the total GCSE.</p> <p>GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.</p>	
<p><b>Choose this subject if...</b></p> <p><i>"The boundaries of my language signify the boundaries of my world." - Ludwig Wittgenstein</i></p> <p>At St Mary Magdalene, we are passionate about the benefits that learning a language can bring. We strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and something students should enjoy and find rewarding.</p> <p>Our French course offers an assessment which expands students' cultural knowledge whilst developing their language skills in preparation for a successful future, wherever it might be.</p> <p>We are confident our course will deliver the right results for your children. We want to provide for students of all abilities, and to deliver the assessments and results our students deserve.</p>	
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