

FRENCH GCSE Information for Year 11 Parent/Carers

Exam specification details
AQA GCSE French covering three themes: Theme 1: Identity and culture Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest Theme 3: Current and future study and employment
Changes to the specification for class of 2021
Due to COVID, the following changes have been made in accordance with Ofqual: The Speaking exam will now be an endorsement reported on a 3-point scale (pass, merit and distinction) against common assessment criteria. The students' speaking skills will be assessed during the course of study and the endorsement level of pass, merit or distinction will be reported alongside the 9-1 grade. In the Writing exam, there will be more optionality in the writing components, so the 2021 Writing papers will include an additional optional question. This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper. To give students time to read all of the optional questions carefully before making a choice, an extra five minutes will be added to the scheduled exam time at both tiers for the Writing paper in. This means that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Foundation tier Writing exam will last for one hour and five minutes- The Higher tier Writing exam will last for one hour and 20 minutes.
Content of mock exams and percentage of the overall GCSE this covers including the topic that need to be revised:
The mock exams will be past papers that cover the skills of Listening, Reading and Writing conducted under exam conditions. As they are past papers, all topics of each of the three themes would need to be revised. Due to the fact that the speaking assessment mark will go alongside the final mark/grade as opposed to being part of it, each exam covers 33.33% (1/3) of the total GCSE mark.
Any other info. relevant to your subject you wish to share with parents/carers (e.g. revision websites, etc.
www.pearsonactivelearn.com (all students already have an account where homework and revision tasks are set online. They can also access the tasks independently.) www.memrise.com (a language platform that uses spaced repetition of flashcards to increase the rate of learning) Youtube (vocabulary videos, French songs) Netflix – A wide variety of French TV shows and films. It is encouraged that students are to watch something three times. Once with English subtitles, then with French subtitles and finally, with no subtitles. BBC Languages/GCSE Bitesize French