

GCSE French: AQA 8658

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart".

Nelson Mandela

The Course

Learning French will broaden a student's horizons and encourage them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries whilst gaining a qualification which is attractive to both further/higher education institutes and within the world of work. Pupils will develop transferable skills such as communication, resilience and critical learning alongside the language itself which will help them within this French GCSE but also other subjects and for life after Erdington Academy.

What will be studied?

Pupils study eight modules based under three broad themes. The content requires the pupils to understand and communicate personal and factual information, developing and justifying points of view. Students will examine authentic and Francophone sources, in turn fostering confidence & autonomy when accessing new and unfamiliar language.

AQA GCSE French Module & Theme Breakdown	
Module	Theme
1: Qui suis-Je? <i>Family, friendships, going out.</i>	Theme 1: Identity & Culture
2: Le temps des loisirs. <i>Sport, music, TV, film, technology & reading.</i>	Theme 1: Identity & Culture
3: Jours ordinaires, jours de fête. <i>Daily routine, food, clothes, shopping, family celebrations & festivals.</i>	Theme 1: Identity & Culture
4 : De la ville à la campagne. <i>Local area, weather & community projects.</i>	Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest
5: Le grand large. <i>Holiday destinations, hotels, transport, ordering in a restaurant.</i>	Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest
6: Au college. <i>School teachers, uniforms, rules, school exchanges, healthy living & future educational plans.</i>	Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest Theme 3: Current and future study & employment
7: Bon travail! <i>Career choices & applying for jobs.</i>	Theme 3: Current and future study & employment
8: Un œil sur le monde. <i>Problems facing the planet, protecting the environment, ethical shopping, volunteering and global events.</i>	Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest

Why study French?

A language GCSE is a valuable asset on any education and job application due to the 'soft' skills that are organically developed during the learning of a language. Having a GCSE in French will unlock pathways to 30 countries where French is an official language including those in the Caribbean & Africa and it is widely known as the language of culture opening doors to art, music, fashion, dance & cuisine.

Future Pathways

Language skills are in wide demand in a variety of jobs and sectors such as translation and teaching which require daily use, but international organisations regularly advertise for their employees to be multi-lingual and will pay more for these skills.

Assessment

Four examinations worth 25% each at the end of the two years of study: listening, reading, writing & speaking. Pupils will either sit a foundation or higher tier for all the examinations.

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