

# French



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	AQA	8658

## Course Overview



Success in French demonstrates a wide range of qualities; confidence, resilience, problem solving and much more. This can lead to a wide range of careers with an international dimension, but also develops skills which can be applied in a variety of contexts, for example the ability to give a clear presentation, or to decode a text.

Speaking a foreign language creates opportunities to travel, to communicate with more people, to give yourself a significant advantage over people who cannot speak a foreign language.

There are many companies based in the West Midlands who have strong links with companies in French speaking countries.

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## Topics Covered

The three main themes are:

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

## Assessment

Pupils will be assessed in the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, in either the Foundation or Higher Tier.

Listening	Written Exam in 2 parts. A - Questions in English, B - Questions in French.
Speaking	Role Play, Describe a Photo, General Conversation
Reading	Written Exam in 3 parts. A - Questions in English, B - Questions in French, C - Translation (French - English)
Writing	Structured Written Tasks, Translation (English - French)

## Course Progression

A GCSE in French is a pre-requisite to study 'A' Level French.

A GCSE in French is very desirable as an entry requirement for many university courses and can also lead to opportunities to live and work abroad.

There are opportunities to continue studying French alongside many other subjects at degree, e.g. Law with French, European Studies (History with French) and many more.

## Career Opportunities

The ability to speak French would support any career working for a large company. Typical careers involving languages include:-

Journalism, Sales Executive, Tour Manager, Transport and Logistics, International Aid/Development, Government Services, Espionage, Engineering, Teaching English as a Foreign Language and many more.

## For Further Information

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