

KS4 FRENCH



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
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Year 10 GCSE	AQA	8658
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Course Outline

In a city like Birmingham and a school as diverse as Queensbridge, languages play an essential role. They encourage students to see beyond their immediate environment and help them to consider the options that are available to them in the world of global employment and easy travel.

Languages make the world smaller and your world bigger.

For students intending to go to university, languages qualifications are an important asset and open doors to international opportunities in Europe and beyond.

Topics Covered

- Identity and Culture (Who am I? Relationships, socialising, heritage and background)
- Local Area, Holiday and Travel (Holidays, Travel and tourist transactions, Town and Country)
- School and Future Aspirations (What school is like, School Activities, Using languages beyond the classroom, Ambitions and Jobs)
- International and Global (Events that bring the world together, Environmental Issues)

The course will prepare students' language skills which will be assessed in the examinations. The skills include short translations from and into French, understanding the gist of authentic texts (including adapted literature). Some, but not all, of the questions in the listening and reading papers will be in French.

We support students in their language learning by using a variety of films and authentic resources such as songs. We hope to encourage greater contact with our contact school in Paris. In the past, we have exchanged emails with a French school and hosted a French school at Queensbridge.

Assessment

There are four exams at the end of the course for the skills of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. Each exam counts for 25% of the grade.

Pupils are entered for the Higher or Foundation Papers.

Career Opportunities

Employers actively seek language skills in candidates and many reputable universities require a GCSE in a foreign language as essential for successful applicants.

A good grade at GCSE will help you secure future success.

Course Progression

Students can go on to study French at A level and then university.