

SUBJECT: FRENCH

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mrs H Latimer

SYLLABUS NUMBER: Edexcel French 1FR0

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

The GCSE course aims to enable students to develop an understanding of French vocabulary and structures in a variety of contexts; transferable language learning skills; the ability to communicate effectively in French and an awareness and understanding of countries and communities where French is spoken.

Pupils will study the following topics:

- Identity and Culture
- Education, School,
- Work Experience and Future Plans
- Local area, holidays and travel
- International and global dimensions

Students will have to demonstrate that they can listen to and read French in different contexts and that they can speak and write about the topics above for a variety of purposes.

The new specification brings in a focus on translation and students will be expected to translate short texts from English to French and from French to English.

RESOURCES

- Studio Edexcel GCSE French Higher Student book. ISBN 9781292117836
- Studio Edexcel GCSE French Foundation Student book. ISBN 9781292117829
- Studio Edexcel GCSE French Grammar and Translation Workbook ISBN 978129213299

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

- Three sets for students doing French as their option A.
- Three sets for students doing their French as their option B.
- Students are placed into their sets according to their ability in French.

ASSESSMENT

Each skill (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) is worth 25% of the finale grade.

All exams will happen at the end of year 11 and regular assessments will be done at the end of each half-term to help students practice their exam skills.

The Writing assessment will include a Translation task from English into French. The Speaking assessment will include a Translation task from French into English.

The exams are available in Foundation and Higher Tiers.

SELF STUDY ADVICE

- Purchase a Bilingual dictionary
- Learn your vocabulary regularly
- Attend French Clinic on Wednesdays after school in A09.
- Watch films in French, listen to podcasts, etc.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Long-term exchange to Lyon in year 10 (November)
- Study visit to Lyon in year 10 (March)
- Participation to Eisteddfod.