

FRENCH

EDEXCEL

GCSE



Course Description

The French course follows the EDEXCEL exam board.

What topics will I be covering?

During the course we cover 6 themes set out in the EDEXCEL specification, the topics include My personal world, Lifestyle and wellbeing, My neighbourhood, Media and technology, Studying and my future and Travel and tourism.

How much of the course is examination or Controlled Assessment?

The course is 100% exam based. Students will be assessed through exams in all 4 skill areas of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.

How much work is required after school?

Extended learning takes the form of vocabulary/grammar learning this is in order to ensure that students extend their vocabulary and grammatical knowledge. Regular online tasks will be set to reinforce what is taught in class for up to an hour per week.

How is the work assessed and when?

Regular assessments will take place during the course and usually take place once all the teaching from a certain topic has been completed.

What do I need to achieve a good grade?

Language learning requires students to put time aside to learn new vocabulary and grammatical structures in order to progress. The best results are achieved when students practise using the language on a regular basis.

If I want to study the subject after GCSE, what grade must I get?

It is usually recommended that students achieve at least a grade 5/6 at GCSE if they are to study languages at "A" Level and beyond.

What career options lead from this subject?

The study of modern foreign languages can lead to work on a self-employed basis as interpreters or translators. However, there are many careers not directly related to language learning but where there is the opportunity to use language skills, for example working for companies who trade or offer services internationally or to non-English speaking customers and suppliers. Having a second language can help you to work abroad as well as in the UK.