

# MFL – French

GCSE – EDUQAS

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## What's it all about?

A GCSE in a modern foreign language aims to:

- Develop all four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening)
- develop awareness and understanding of the countries and communities where French is spoken
- provide you with a suitable basis for further study and practical use of French

Languages are all around us; they are used in so many situations whether at work, on holiday or just casually in day-to-day life - we live in a multilingual global society.

Studying a foreign language enables you to gain excellent transferrable skills, such as flexibility, knowledge and awareness of another culture as well as improved conversational abilities, a greater mastery of languages in general, better study skills, greater discipline, and enhanced concentration and focus.

What's more, having studied a language will make you stand out from the crowd and, consequently, have far healthier career options. For example, **70%** of businesses in the West Midlands use one foreign language, **50%** use 2 or more languages and **48%** of these businesses use an interpreter due to a lack of employees with language skills. If you are not yet convinced, **76%** of British employers say that they value language skills in their employees.

Graduates with language qualifications have been shown to earn an average of **10%** more than non-linguists in comparable jobs.

## What will I learn on this course?

**Theme 1:** Identity and culture (Youth Culture, Lifestyle, Customs & Traditions)

**Theme 2:** Local, national, international and global areas of interest (Home & Locality, France & French Speaking Countries, Global Sustainability)

**Theme 3:** Current and future study and employment (Current Study, World of Work, Jobs & Future plans)

## How will I be assessed?

- **Reading** (25% of qualification)
- **Listening** (25% qualification)
- **Writing** (2 tasks, 25% of qualification)
- **Speaking** (3 tasks, 25% of qualification, non-exam assessment)

## Who should take it?

All Students have to take a language at GCSE, it is a core subject, however only students who have studied French previously can pick French.

## What do your current students say?

“It looks good on your CV and university applications if you have a language”

“GCSE languages expand your knowledge of other cultures and countries”

## Is there anything else I need to know?

After school revision sessions focusing on specific skills and cultural trips/visits available.

## Who can I contact for further information?

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