

## **FRENCH GCSE**

### **What are the key features?**

- Holding a conversation in French on a variety of everyday topics, developing fluency and improving your accent.
- Reading and understanding texts and practical information ranging from brochures and tourist leaflets to information about young people and society in France.
- Building up vocabulary to be able to write about a variety of topics.
- Developing listening skills to understand announcements and people discussing and giving information about their daily lives.
- Translating from French into English and English to French.

This is a two year course building on prior knowledge of French from Key Stage 3.

### **How is it assessed?**

There are four final examinations at the end of the second year of the course in listening, reading, speaking and writing.

### **What particular skills are required to succeed?**

You will need to have a good memory and be able to think on your feet and respond to questions. You will also become a confident communicator which means being willing to speak up and join in. Being disciplined and developing strategies for learning new words is a must.

### **Why study this course?**

All employers are impressed by ability in another language and many careers are based purely on this. Whether you want to be a lawyer in Jersey, reading old laws and texts in French or have your own plumbing business and order material from France, then French is the subject for you. Most trust companies and banks have offices all over the world and another language will definitely make you stand out from the crowd when you apply for jobs.

### **What equipment is required?**

A dictionary and vocabulary guide are important.

### **If I have any questions which teachers do I ask?**

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