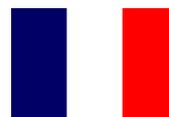


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INTRODUCTION

WHY STUDY FRENCH AT GREENHILL?

- Over the last decade *GCSE* French results have consistently been amongst the best option subject results.
- The French staff are all experienced teachers with a proven track record of getting all *GCSE* candidates to fulfil their potential.
- Increasingly people today; travel abroad for holidays; work for French owned companies in the U.K.; work for British companies who sell their products in France; and have the opportunity to live and work in France.
- The ability to speak and understand another major European and global language equips pupils with a skill that will give them an edge in an increasingly globalised and international job market.

COURSE AIMS

The aim of the course is to develop the ability to use French effectively for practical communication in situations which are useful outside the classroom for leisure and in the work place. Pupils who complete the course will also have a sound knowledge of the structure of the language which will provide an excellent foundation for further study in the Sixth Form or in future life beyond.



TOPICS

The French course is a two-year course. You will study three main themes with 18 subthemes as outlined in the table below.

Identity and culture	Wales and the World - areas of interest	Current and future study and employment
Youth Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self and relationships• Technology and social media Lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and fitness• Entertainment and leisure Customs and Traditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and drink• Festivals and celebrations	Home and Locality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local areas of interest• Transport France and French-speaking countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local and regional features and characteristics• Holidays and tourism Global Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment• Social issues	Current Study <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School/college life• School/college studies World of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work experience and part-time jobs• Skills and personal qualities Jobs and Future Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applying for work/study• Career plans

SKILLS

GCSE French is a skills based subject. Within each topic you will practise 4 skills.

Speaking: learn how to answer a variety of questions, take part in role plays, give presentations and tell short stories

Writing: learn how to write postcards, faxes, emails, short letters and articles

Listening: learn how to understand recordings of conversations, interviews and short news items

Reading: learn how to understand signs, emails, letters and magazine articles and simple literary texts

ASSESSMENT

Each of the four skill areas are assessed as shown in the table below:

SKILL AREA	%	ASSESSMENT	WHEN
Speaking	25%	A role play A photo-card discussion A general conversation	April- May Year 11
Writing	25%	Short written response Longer written response Short translation from English into French	Final exam June Year 11
Listening	25%	Variety of listening tasks	Final exam June Year 11
Reading	25%	Variety of reading tasks Short translation French into English	Final exam June Year 11

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Subject to there being sufficient interest all GCSE candidates will normally have the opportunity to spend a week living with a French family and studying at our partner school in Miribel near Lyon as part of the course.