

GCSE French Overview

Pupils study the AQA GCSE course. This is a tiered exam, so pupils are entered for either Foundation tier (Grades 1-5) or Higher tier (Grades 4-9).

The exam is split into four papers. Each paper is worth 25% of the final exam.

<u>PAPER 1 – LISTENING</u>	<u>PAPER 2 – SPEAKING (60 marks)</u>	<u>PAPER 3 – READING (60 marks)</u>	<u>PAPER 4 – WRITING</u>
<p>F = 30 mins + 5 mins reading time (40 marks)</p> <p>H = 40 mins + 5 mins reading time (50 marks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - Q & A in English Section B - Q & A in French <p>Tasks include multiple choice, completing a table, positive/negative/both, true/false/not mentioned, comprehension gap-fill etc.</p>	<p>F = 7-9 min (+ 12 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <p>H = 10-12 min (+ 12 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role-play card Photo card General Conversation based on two out of the three themes (3-5 mins at F; 5-7 mins at H) Students MUST ASK A QUESTION 	<p>F = 45 mins</p> <p>H = 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A in English Section B in French Section C - Translation into English <p>Multiple choice, gap-fill, comprehension answers, summary selection questions. Some short adapted texts.</p>	<p>F = 1 HOUR (50 marks)</p> <p>Q1 – 4 sentences about a photo /8 Q2 – 40 word essay /16 Q3 – translation 5 sentences into French /10 Q4 – 90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /16</p> <p>H = 1 hour 15 mins (60 marks)</p> <p>Q1 – 90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /16 Q2 – 150 word essay choice of 2 titles /32 Q3 – translation into French /12</p>

At Notre Dame we follow the “Studio” GCSE course and study the following topics:

Year 9 AQA Theme 1 (Identity and culture)	Year 10 AQA Theme 2 mostly (Local, national, international and global areas of interest)	Year 11 AQA Theme 3 mostly (Current and future study and employment)
Module 1 – Qui suis-je? (AQA sub-theme - Me, my family and friends)	Module 4 – De la ville à la campagne (AQA sub-theme - Home, town, neighbourhood and region)	Module 7 – Bon travail! (AQA sub-theme - Job, career choices and ambitions)
Module 2 – Le temps de loisirs (AQA sub-theme - Technology in everyday life / Free-time activities)	Module 5 – Le grand large... (AQA sub-theme - Travel and tourism)	Module 8 – Un œil sur le monde (AQA sub-theme - Social Issues / Global issues)
Module 3 – Jour ordinaires, jours de fête (AQA sub-theme - Customs and festivals)	Module 6 – Au collège (AQA sub-theme - My school/ college / My studies / Education post- 16)	Revision and exam skills

In Year 9 pupils are given a booklet containing the lists of vocabulary from the AQA specification, divided by theme and sub-theme. Regular revision of vocab is key throughout the course (“little and often”) and pupils also have access to GCSE vocabulary sets via the Quizlet website (Memrise.com is also a great revision tool). In Year 10 your child will also be given a Speaking and Writing Booklet in which they will prepare their answers for the Speaking exam and possible responses for the Writing exam.

Homework support club is on Friday lunchtimes with Mrs Greenwood-Quy in OLC1.