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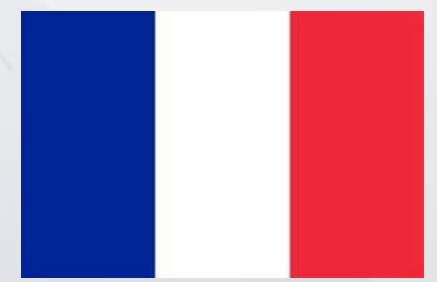
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Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening

Subject: French

Subject Leader: Mrs S Kirkwood



What you will learn

Theme 1: Identity and culture

- Me, my family and friends
- *Relationships with family and friends*
 - *Marriage/partnership*

- Technology in everyday life
- *Social media*
 - *Mobile technology*

- Free-time activities
- *Music*
 - *Cinema and TV*
 - *Food and eating out*
 - *Sport*

Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Home, town, neighbourhood and region

- Social issues
- *Charity/voluntary work*
 - *Healthy/unhealthy living*

- Global issues
- *The environment*
 - *Poverty/homelessness*

Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

My studies

Life at school/college

Education post-16

Jobs, career choices and ambitions

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How you will be assessed

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

	What's assessed	How it's assessed*	Questions
Paper 1: Listening	Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language	Written exam (45 mins) 25% of GCSE	In English and French
Paper 2: Speaking	Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes	Spoken assessment with teacher (12 mins) 25% of GCSE	Role-play, photo card and general conversation
Paper 3: Reading	Understanding and responding to different types of written language	Written exam (60 mins) 25% of GCSE	In English and French, plus translation into English
Paper 4: Writing	Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes	Written exam (75 mins) 25% of GCSE	Range of writing tasks, including translation into French

**Timings are for Higher Tier / maximum times*

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Why study French

Top 5 reasons to study languages:

1. English is not enough! It's important that you learn to understand and speak to other people, no matter where they are from.
2. You can travel to new places around the world and it's the perfect way to meet new people and discover new cultures.
3. You develop 4 key skills; listening, reading, speaking and writing. Learning a foreign language can help you understand your own language and make it easier to learn others.
4. Speaking more than one language increases your brain capacity and you have better memory too.
5. Speaking another language really makes you stand out from the crowd; it's an impressive achievement to speak a foreign language and you'll have better options for your future!

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Post 16 Opportunities

There is an **A-Level course** in French which can lead to further study at university; many students now combine French with Business Studies, reflecting the increasing importance of foreign languages in business and commerce. Other subjects which would complement French include: History, Geography, English, Sociology, Politics, Law, Music, Media.

Learning languages can help to improve chances of **entry into university**: Russell Group Universities are the 24 leading UK universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement and they consider languages favourably to enter any degree course. Some subjects are called 'facilitating subjects' – these are the subjects most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses. Many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A-level in a facilitating subject when you apply. French is a facilitating subject!

Potential careers using foreign language skills include: translator/interpreter, working in the armed forces or for an intelligence agency, teaching, journalism, customer service or working for a multinational company.

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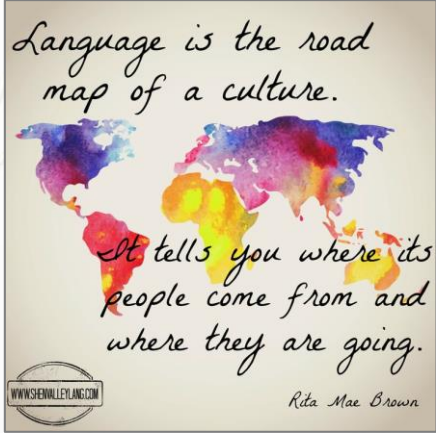
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Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savour their songs.

Nelson Mandela

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**ONE LANGUAGE
SETS YOU IN
A CORRIDOR FOR LIFE.
TWO LANGUAGES OPEN
EVERY DOOR ALONG
THE WAY.**
...
Frank Smith
—



"You can never understand one language until you understand at least two".

- Geoffrey Willans

Questions