

Shoeburyness High School

Year 9 Subject Information

French GCSE



Why study GCSE French?

“Political developments mean change is more pressing. If the UK is to thrive outside the EU, language skills cannot be ignored”

THE  TIMES

GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results 2019: Thousands more take French after years of decline

HEPI report



More than 300 million people speak French across 29 countries and five continents.

As well as being a working language, **French is an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts.**

French is the **third most used language in business across the world**. According to a study led by the business school INSEAD, French is just behind English and Mandarin in terms of the **most powerful languages in the world**. Economist Kai Chan explains “French is associated with countries like Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, France, very powerful countries thanks to their culture and GDP”.

Studying a modern language increases your future employability. The skills and rigour involved with studying languages are highly regarded by universities for various courses. Learning French will also enable you to enjoy more books, films and songs in the language which will help to reinforce how much you understand.

'Lupin' Is Netflix's Most Popular French Series - Forbes

14 Jan 2021 — The series starring Omar Sy (Intouchables, Jurassic World) has entered **Netflix's Top 10 Shows** in most countries around the globe. In the ...



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Career Progression and Advantages

  Departures		Where will languages take you?			
09:00	Study Abroad	BOARDING	17:30	Teacher	FINAL CALL
09:30	Lawyer	FINAL CALL	18:00	Cabin Crew	BOARDING
10:00	Media	BOARDING	18:30	Pilot	GO TO GATE
10:30	Engineer	BOARDING	19:00	Sales Rep	GO TO GATE
11:00	Tutor	GO TO GATE	19:30	Footballer	GATE G2
11:30	Resilience	BOARDING	20:00	Interpreter	BOARDING
12:00	Confidence	BOARDING	20:30	Journalist	GATE G3
12:30	Analytical Skills	BOARDING	21:00	Marketing	GATE G12
13:00	Communication	FINAL CALL	21:30	Translator	GATE OPEN 21:20
13:30	Problem Solving	GATE G11	22:00	Actor	GATE OPEN 21:40
14:00	See The World	GO TO GATE	22:30	Lecturer	GATE G5
14:30	Delay Dementia	DELAYED	23:00	Tour Guide	FINAL CALL
15:00	Reduce Racism	GATE G6	23:30	YouTuber	GATE OPEN 23:20
15:30	Listening Skills	BOARDING	24:00	Politician	WAIT IN LOUNGE
16:00	Work Abroad	GATE OPEN	00:30	Retail	WAIT IN LOUNGE
16:30	Meet Friends	BOARDING	01:00	Doctor	WAIT IN LOUNGE
17:00	Improve Memory	BOARDING	01:30	University	WAIT IN LOUNGE



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University progression: Universities and colleges in the UK are offering courses in the following subject areas, plus many more:

- Accounting and Finance with French
- International Management and Modern Languages
- Politics and Modern Languages
- Games and Software Engineering and Modern Languages
- Anglo- Saxon, Norse and Celtic
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Chinese and English
- History and European Languages
- Politics and Global Languages
- Languages for Global Communication
- Speech Therapy and a language
- English Language, Linguistics and a Modern Language
- Medicine with a language
- Engineering with a language



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What you will learn



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Our exam board is **Edexcel**. There are **four** exams at the end of the two year course

Paper 1 - Speaking – 25%	Paper 2 – Listening – 25%	
Read aloud Role play Picture task (describe a photo and have a conversation)	Listening comprehension Listening dictation	
Paper 3 – Reading – 25%	Paper 4 – Writing – 25%	
Reading comprehension Reading translation (into English)	<u>Foundation:</u> Picture task Formal writing task (50-60 words) Informal writing task (80-90 words) Writing translation (into French/Spanish)	<u>Higher:</u> Informal writing task (80-90 words) Formal writing task (130 – 150 words) Writing translation (into French/Spanish)

These are all tested using 6 broad themes.



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Subject Content

My personal world	Lifestyle and wellbeing	My neighborhood	Media and technology	Studying and my future	Travel and tourism
Family	Friends	Relationships	Equality		
Physical well-being	Mental well-being	Food and drink	Sports		
Places in town	Shopping	Transport	The natural world		
Environmental issues	Social media and gaming	Future opportunities (e.g. work, travel)	School		
Music	TV and film	Accommodation	Tourist attractions		



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