

French

GCSE – Code: 1FR1 – Exam Board: Edexcel



Saint Joseph's
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Assessment:

1. Speaking (Paper 1 – 25% of the qualification)

Task 1: Read aloud and short interaction.

Task 2: Role play.

Task 3: Picture task with conversation.

2. Listening and Understanding (Paper 2 – 25% of the qualification)

Section A: Listening (40 marks).

Section B: Dictation (10 marks).

3. Reading and Understanding (Paper 3 – 25% of the qualification)

Section A: Reading and Understanding

Section B: Translation into English

4. Writing (Paper 4 – 25% of the qualification)

Foundation Tier: Picture-based task, two open-response questions, and translation into French.

Higher Tier: Two open-response questions and translation into French.

Key Information:

This is a two-year course, assessed externally at the end of Year 11. The course covers six thematic contexts:

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

Why choose French?

Taking French at GCSE offers numerous benefits. It enhances cultural awareness by exposing students to the rich history and traditions of French-speaking countries. Proficiency in French can open diverse career opportunities in the

global job market, as many international companies value multilingual employees. Additionally, studying a foreign language improves cognitive skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and memory, which can boost overall academic performance. Learning a new language fosters personal growth, building confidence, resilience, and a sense of achievement.

Skills Gained:

- **Communication Skills:** Enhances the ability to express oneself clearly and understand others in different languages.
- **Cognitive Skills:** Improves problem-solving, critical thinking, and memory.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Fosters appreciation and understanding of diverse cultures and perspectives.
- **Adaptability:** Builds resilience and the ability to navigate new linguistic and cultural contexts.
- **Listening Skills:** Develops better listening abilities and attention to detail.

Career Pathways:

- International Business
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Education
- Government and Diplomacy
- Media and Journalism

For more information, see the full course specification:

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