

Why take French for GCSE?

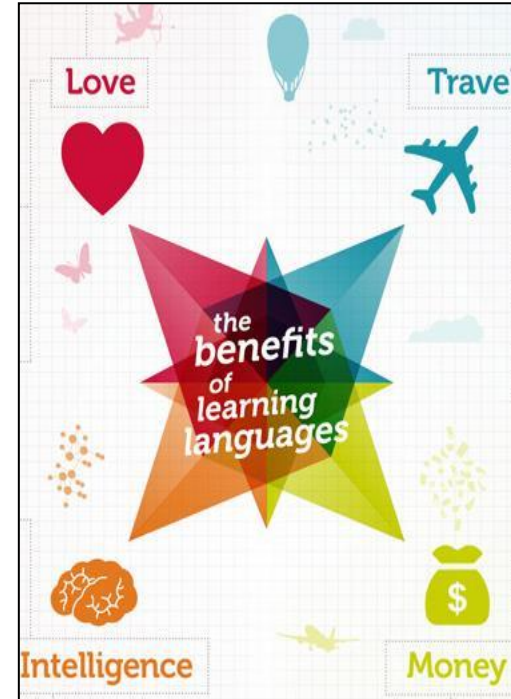
10 BENEFITS OF LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

1. Boosts brain power
2. Improves memory
3. Sharpens the mind
4. Enhances decision making
5. Your first language is improved
6. Improves academic performance
7. Increases networking skills
8. Provides better career choices
9. Enhances ability to multitask
10. Keeps the mind young and active

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In class, you get to study a wide range of topics all about different people and cultures, not just how to speak

Mental benefits of learning languages



75% of the world's population does not speak English at all

Benefits of speaking a native language when travelling



Over 1/3 of businesses want people specifically for their language skills

Multilingual employees can expect a 20% increase in salary in certain jobs

French GCSE



What will you study?

Topic	Identity and Culture	Local area, holiday and travel	School	Future aspirations, study and work	International and global dimension.
Key Questions	Who am I? Daily life Cultural life	Holidays Travel and Tourist destinations Town, Region and Country	What school is like Comparing the French and Birtish school system School activties (events / exchanges)	Using language beyond the classroom Ambitions-further study, volunteering, training Work - jobs, careers professions	Bringing the world together Environmental issues
Assessments	Paper 1 Listening and understanding in French The assessment is out of 50 marks.	Paper 2 Speaking in French The assessment is out of 70 marks.	Paper 3 Reading and understanding in French The assessment is out of 50 marks	Ppaer 4 Writing in French The assessment is out of 60 marks	All final exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Either <u>Foundation</u> (grades 1-5) or <u>Higher</u> (grades 4-9) tier

Exam



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Careers where languages are used

- Business services
- Central Government
- Construction
- Creative and Media
- Engineering
- Event management
- Financial services
- Hair and Beauty
- Health, Medicine and Social Care
- Hotel and Catering management
- Land-based and Environmental work
- Law

- Local Government
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- The Military
- Public services
- Retail
- Teaching
- Technology and computer gaming
- Translation and Interpreting
- Travel and tourism
- Voluntary and charitable sector

Learning a foreign language makes your brain work more quickly. It improves cognitive and sensory processing.

Learning a second language can increase the size of the brain.

Learning a language fends off decline of cognitive function due to ageing and staves off Alzheimer's.

Language speakers are better communicators, sharper editors and writers. Language speakers also develop a better ear for listening.

People who speak more than one language are better drivers. Linguists also are more perceptive which means we notice things better than others and we pay attention better.



Cognitive benefits



Learning a language improves your memory. Multiple language speakers are better at remembering lists or sequences and patterns.

Students who study foreign languages tend to score better on standardised tests than their monolingual peers.

Using language skills makes us good multi-taskers, because we learn how to easily switch between different systems of speech, writing and structure. We understand our own language better.

What kind of student do we want studying GCSE French?

Someone who:

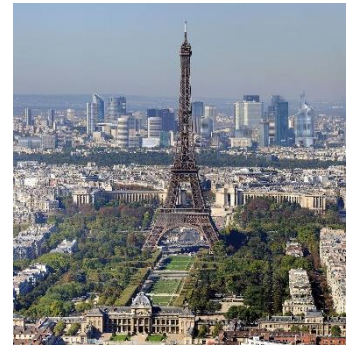
- Is prepared to have a go and get involved in lessons
- Enjoys the subject
- Is self-motivated
- Likes talking!
- Has an interest in other ways of life, food and culture
- Might consider studying French further or want to learn another language in the future

I always loved the feeling of being able to have a go at speaking to people in their own language and travelling and enjoying the differences in culture. So amazing to see how other people live and feel you can talk to them.

Learning a language makes you get out there, take risks, meet people, talk to people, accept your imperfections, and have a laugh learning about people who may be different. That is what will make you different in a job interview, in life.... the ability to throw yourself out there and give it a go!



I went to French Business School for 2 years, then worked in Paris for 2 years - loved living there. Would not have been possible without French at school.



Being able to order 2 hot chocolates on a freezing afternoon walk ... and getting excellent service from waiters and basically just looking cool



I studied French to A level and straight after leaving school I volunteered with a charity in France for an international summer camp hanging out with people from countries as varied as Algeria, Japan, Estonia, Denmark. I also had a few months in beautiful Quebec. A bit of French meant I was able to apply for volunteer work there and get a visa to travel around on the back of it. I also learned to ski while working in a French hotel for a ski season. Because I spoke French I even got paid £500 a month - unlike my friend who worked for an English company in the same resort and only got paid pocket money. A couple of years later the French charity paid for my ticket to Burkina Faso in French speaking Africa. We planted trees, lived in mud huts and experienced life on the edge of the Sahara desert. Without my school French I wouldn't have done any of those things. 😊





Learning French gave me the opportunity to study French film for A level (very cool), go on some amazing trips to Paris with my mates, be an au pair, work on a campsite in France, and best of all swap Birmingham for a year by the beach in Nice. Some of the best memories 😊

Working in travel I sometimes deal with hotels/attractions in other countries. Because of the language learning I did at school (and since) I can speak with hoteliers etc in Spain, France, Germany, Austria and Norway without making the assumption that they will speak English. This approach has usually led to a good working relationship, which might not have been built had I insisted all conversations take place in English.

My language study has also been invaluable when taking British groups abroad. Being able to understand signs and ask questions of local drivers/guides makes the work much easier, and gives the customer faith in you.

Also loved talking to people when I lived abroad.

