

# Why take French for GCSE?

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



Speaking another language increases your options to meet the love of your life



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

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What will you study?



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

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

**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.**

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



## **Cognitive benefits**



**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.**

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

**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.**

## 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

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- Voluntary and charitable sector