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What will I study?

Throughout the GCSE course, we study all of the following themes:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage/partnership

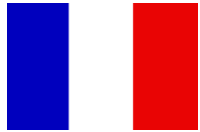
Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French/German-speaking countries/communities



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

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

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

Topic 3: Global issues

- **The environment**
- **Poverty/homelessness**

Topic 4: Travel and tourism



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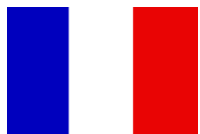
Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

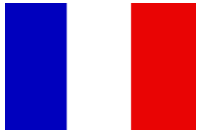


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How is it assessed?

There are three exams at the end of the course, in Listening, Reading and Writing. Each exam is **worth 25%** of your overall grade. Candidates must be entered for the same tier (Foundation or Higher) for all 3 papers.

Paper	Length of exam	Total marks awarded	Question types
Paper 1 – Listening (Written exam)	35 minutes (Foundation Tier) + 5 minutes reading time 45 minutes (Higher Tier) + 5 minutes reading time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 marks (Foundation Tier)• 50 marks (Higher Tier).• 25% of GCSE	Foundation Tier and Higher Tier <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally• Section B – questions in French/German, to be answered in French/German or non-verbally



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Paper	Length of exam	Total marks awarded	Question types
Paper 3 – Reading (Written exam)	Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier) 1 hour (Higher Tier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)• 25% of GCSE	Foundation Tier and Higher Tier <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally• Section B – questions in French/German, to be answered in French/German or non-verbally• Section C – translation from French/German into English (a minimum of 35 words for Foundation Tier and 50 words for Higher Tier)



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For the 2021 Summer Series, there will be no formal speaking exam.

A 'Speaking Endorsement' will be awarded and this is graded as pass, merit or distinction.

This will NOT be based on a formal assessment and we plan to offer Year 11 several opportunities to do small group speaking tasks throughout the year.

We are awaiting further details from AQA and hope to receive these soon.

Paper	Length of exam	Total marks awarded	Question types
Paper 4 – Writing (Written exam)	1 hour (Foundation Tier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 marks at Foundation Tier 	<p>Foundation Tier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question 1 – message (pupil produces four sentences in response to a photo) – 8 marks
	1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 marks at Higher Tier • 25% of GCSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question 2 – short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) – 16 marks • Question 3 – translation from English into French/German (minimum 35 words) – 10 marks • Question 4 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from three questions (2021 only) – 16 marks <p>Higher Tier</p> <p>Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks</p> <p>Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) – there is a choice from three questions (2021 only) – 32 marks</p> <p>Question 3 – translation from English into French/German</p>