

Subject: French

What the subject is about:

A study of the following topics through the core skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking: Self, family and friends, home life and daily routine, hobbies, school, health, weather, town and countryside, the environment, travel, shopping, part-time jobs and careers.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	% of total	Content*
1	15 mins (+15 mins prep)	25	Speaking: 2 roleplay situations, a presentation (2 mins) and conversation (5 mins)
2	40 mins	25	Listening: A variety of stimulus material recorded on CD using native speakers. Each item is heard twice. A variety of question types including gap-filling, true/false, matching and answering in French/English.
3	50 mins	25	Reading: A variety of items of stimulus material in French e.g. Notices, advertisements, newspaper/magazine articles, emails. Questions may require selection, gap-filling, sequencing or providing answers of various lengths in French/English.
4	1 hr	25	Writing: 2 tasks: a) A short piece of writing (90-100 words) b) A longer writing task (120-150 words) Both require the use of a range of vocabulary, structures and tenses and the ability to express and justify ideas and points of view.

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

- Speaking : A willingness to participate in pair/group work in order to express and justify opinions in French
- Reading: An ability to complete reading tasks/tests and to extend reading through independent research via newspapers, magazines and the Internet. A commitment to the learning of vocabulary
- Writing: A commitment to the learning of vocabulary and the study of grammar.
- Listening: The ability to listen carefully and complete listening tasks/tests.

*Assumes Higher tier. Foundation tier papers are possible in all 4 skill areas.