

Key Stage 4 Options

French





Google Translate isn't up to the job!



For holidays

A 2012 Swedish MRI study show that **learning a language improves cortical thickness** – a layered mass of neurons largely responsible for:



Thought



Language



Consciousness



Memory

To grow your brain

Why study a language?



For work or study abroad



For careers in the UK or abroad



To improve self-confidence

Pourquoi le français?



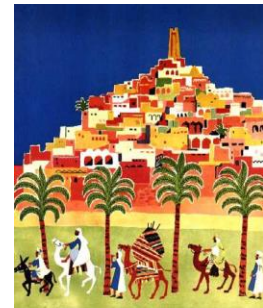
Le français
dans le monde

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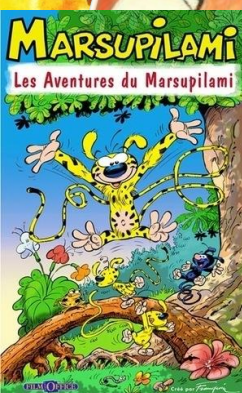
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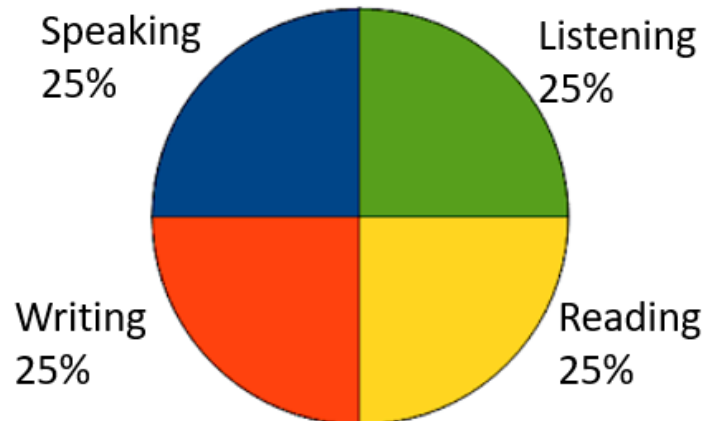




2 year
course

3 lessons
per week

4 skills assessed by examination



Higher tier: Grades 4 – 9
Foundation tier: Grades 1 - 5

Listening – 45 minute exam (Higher)

My primary school

- 4 Cédric is talking about when he was at primary school and now. What does he mention?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A where he used to live
<input type="checkbox"/>	B his primary school teachers
<input type="checkbox"/>	C where his school is
<input type="checkbox"/>	D his favourite football team
<input type="checkbox"/>	E his primary school friends
<input type="checkbox"/>	F what he used to like eating
<input type="checkbox"/>	G his favourite childhood toys

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

Speaking –10-12 minutes (higher)

Roleplay

Picture-based discussion

Conversation

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Topic: Cultural life

Instructions to candidates:

You are at a leisure centre in France speaking to a young person you have met there.
The teacher will play the part of the young person and will speak first.

You must address the young person as *tu*.

You will talk to the teacher using the five prompts below.

- where you see – ? – you must ask a question
- where you see – ! – you must respond to something you have not prepared

Task

Tu es au centre de loisirs. Tu parles avec une jeune personne.

1. Par semaine – nombre de visites
2. Ce centre de loisirs – raison
3. !
4. ? Faire du sport – raison
5. ? Football – opinion

Topic: Work



(Source: © wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock)

Regarde la photo et prépare des réponses sur les points suivants :

- la description de la photo
- ton opinion sur le travail avec les autres
- un travail que tu as fait
- ton travail à l'avenir
- la profession que tu détestes

Reading – 1hr exam (Higher)

Comprehension questions Translation into English

Le temps des secrets by Marcel Pagnol

4 Read the extract from the text below.

Marcel, 11 years old, tells his family about meeting a girl, Isabelle.

- J'ai rencontré une fille, Isabelle. Elle a douze ans. Elle est grande. Elle habite aux Bêlions. Elle est très jolie.
- Tu l'aimes ? dit la tante Rose.
- Comme ci, comme ça, répond Marcel.
- Je pense, dit l'oncle, que cette fille a les cheveux bruns.
- Oui ! Son père est un poète et il est très célèbre ! dit Marcel. Je suis entré dans la maison et il y a un piano énorme, donc je pense que son père est très riche.

Put a cross ☒ in the correct box.

(i) Isabelle is...

<input type="checkbox"/>	A 10 years old.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B 12 years old.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C 14 years old.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D 16 years old.

(ii) Marcel says that the girl...

<input type="checkbox"/>	A is small.
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Translation

10 Translate this passage into English

Je vais au collège en bus. J'adore les maths parce que c'est intéressant. Je déteste l'histoire car nous avons trop de devoirs. Je travaille trois heures tous les soirs. La semaine dernière, je ne suis pas sorti !

Writing – 1hr20 exam (Higher)

2-3 writing tasks (90 words and 150 words)
1 translation

Choose either Question 1(a) or Question 1(b)

Le Nouvel An

- 1 (a) Alex, ton ami(e) français(e), t'a envoyé un email sur ce que tu as fait p
le Nouvel An.

Écris une réponse à Alex. Tu **dois** faire référence aux points suivants :

- comment tu as célébré le Nouvel An hier soir
- comment ta famille passe le premier jour de l'année
- pourquoi les gens doivent célébrer le Nouvel An ou non
- tes projets pour les prochains douze mois.

Écris 80–90 mots environ **en français**.

Le collège

- 4 Traduis les phrases suivantes **en français**.

(a) I like my school.

(2)

(b) There are lots of clubs.

(2)

(c) Usually, lessons start at 8.00.

(2)

(d) My favourite subject is English, but I do not like geography.

(3)

(e) Last year I played tennis, but now I prefer football.

(3)

Mon copain Olivier

- 3 Traduis le passage suivant **en français** :

Olivier lives near his school and he always arrives early in the morning. He doesn't like school; he's good at maths but has found science difficult. However, for me, education is important, as I want to go to university and have a good job later. I think that by working hard, I will succeed.

.... and don't worry! Your French doesn't have to be perfect, even for a Grade 9 😊

La pratique
rend parfait



Tout va bien , Ne t'en fais pas.....

Why did you choose French GCSE?

Y10: I wanted to **challenge** myself

Y10: You don't just learn the language, you also learn about the **country**

Y11: Not sure but **I don't regret it!**

Y10: It looks good on your **CV** and to **jobs/universities**

Y11: It's a way of being able to **talk to new people** and **travel to new places**



What do you like most about the course?

Y10: The **skills** and the **trips**

Y10: It's relaxed and you **can make mistakes without feeling anxious**

Y10: The **fun activities**

Y11: When everything comes together and you're **confident** speaking the language

Y10: Learning **new things every lesson**

Y10: Learning about **culture** and French **speaking**

Y11: The amazing **music** which has influenced my writing

Y11: Everyone in the **class** has become a lot **closer** because of the communication aspects of French

Y11: the **teachers** – very **helpful and supportive**

Y11: It's **different**, adds to the week

Is it difficult?

Y11: **Some** parts are **easy** and **some** parts are **hard like every subject**

Y10: Yes but it is **worth it** and the teachers really help you

Y10: A **good level of difficulty**

Y11: Speaking was scary at first but we have done **so much practice it is easier** now

Y11: At the start but once you do it for some time **it sticks in the mind**

Would you recommend French GCSE to someone in year 9?

[everyone
said 'yes'!]

Y10: Yes as it's a
good life skill

Y10: Yes, it's
very enjoyable

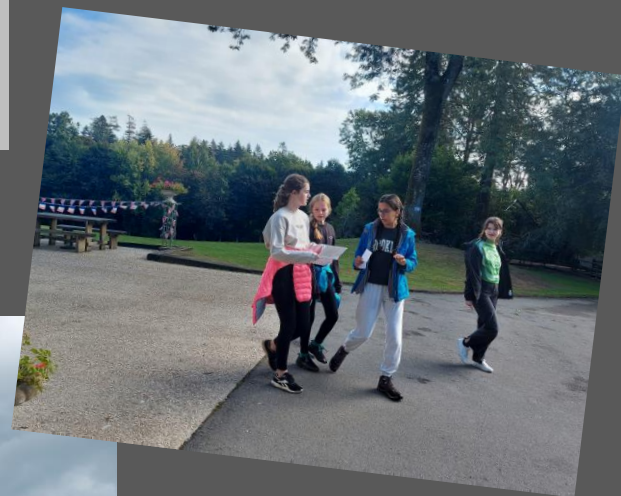
Y10: Yes, **the trips,
experience and knowledge**
makes it all worth the work

Y11: Learning a language is an
amazing experience and the
teachers teaching it make it that
much better

Y11: It **widens your sights**
and is a really **fun course**.
Each lesson is different, keeps
you on your toes

Having a **creative outlet** and
learning how to speak to
someone from a different
country is an **amazing
experience**

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FRENCH

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