

MORECAMBE BAY ACADEMY

MFL Department





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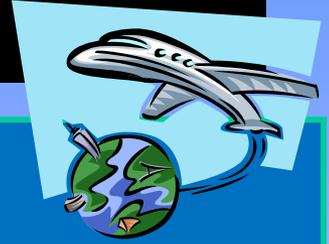


Why study GCSE MFL?

Pourquoi étudier le français?



YOU'LL LEARN MORE THAN JUST A LANGUAGE



The study of a GCSE language will allow students:

- A greater flexibility of employment
- The potential of a greater success in a number of careers
- a better understanding of the world
- A more flexible approach to holidays; no more expensive travel agents!
- A very interesting and savvy way to use the internet for business, shopping and leisure

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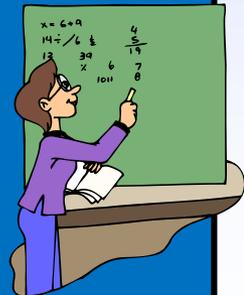
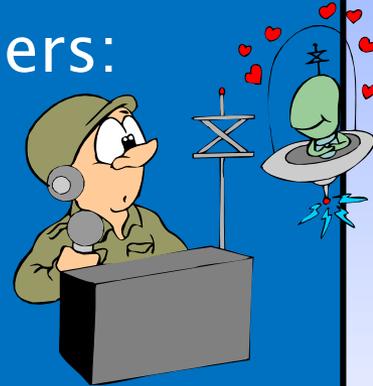
- communicate confidently in both written and spoken language
- learn about the culture of the country / countries where French is spoken
- feel comfortable reading and listening to a variety of texts in French
- translate from both English into French and from French into English

Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where French is spoken:

- Identity and Culture
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment

LANGUAGES MIX WELL

- ✓ Languages mix well with a range of subjects
- ✓ Languages are essential for these careers:
 - Translator
 - Journalist
- ✓ Languages can be an asset for these careers:
 - Engineering
 - Economist
 - Army officer
- ✓ Languages are useful for these careers:
 - Retail assistant
 - Hotel work
 - Tourist information officer
 - Tour operator



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

One of the UK's leading universities has made a language qualification a requirement for entry in an attempt to distinguish between high achieving students.

University College London has agreed that a language GCSE will be compulsory for admission from 2012.

“A GCSE Language for a teaching student is worth its weight in gold”

University of Cumbria

LANGUAGES CAN HELP YOU GET A JOB

- ✓ Young people in the UK are at a growing disadvantage in the jobs market
- ✓ People who speak other languages are very popular with employers
 - 75% of the world's population do not speak English
 - 20% of UK businesses have a customer base outside of the UK.
 - 70% of businesses conduct business in another country.



GET A JOB, KEEP A JOB, EARN MORE!

- Graduates with language qualifications have been shown to earn an average of 10% more than those without a language.
- Graduates with a language have one of the lowest unemployment rates.



Where will your language take you?

If you study French you could...

work at a ski resort
in Canada



have a go at scuba
diving in
Guadeloupe

GCSE French

Assessment

AO1: Listening

This module is assessed by formal examination

Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

Written exam

- **35 mins (Foundation Tier)**
- **45 minutes (Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**



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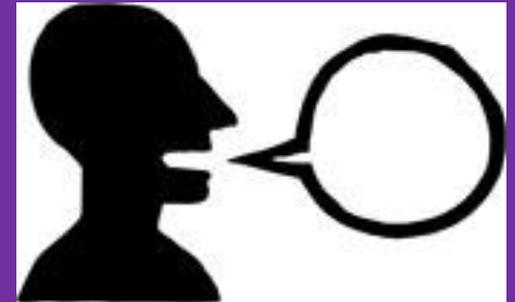
Assessment

AO2: Speaking

This module is assessed by an oral non-exam assessment by the teacher

Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes (role-play, photo card, general conversation)

- **7-9 minutes (Foundation Tier)**
- **10-12 minutes (Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**



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Assessment

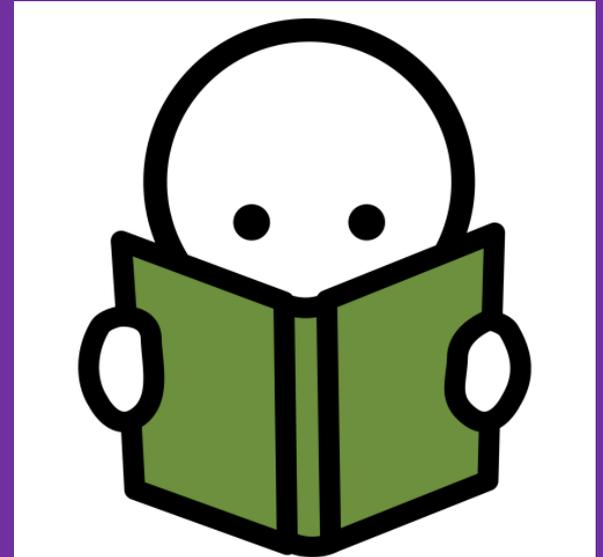
AO3: Reading

This module is assessed by formal examination

Understanding and responding to different types of written language (including translation into English)

Written exam

- 45 mins (Foundation Tier)
- 1 hour (Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE



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Assessment

AO4: Writing

This module is assessed by formal examination

Communicating and interacting effectively in writing for a variety of purposes (short written report, extended account to respond to a question, translation into target language)

Written exam

- **1 hour (Foundation Tier)**
- **1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)**
- **25% of GCSE**



Course Delivery

The course will be delivered using materials taken from:



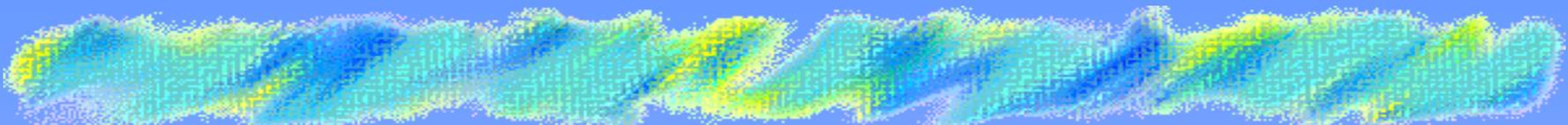
- Coursebooks (Oxford University Press, AQA GCSE Foundation and Higher)

- This is Language (website to allow students to access authentic target language video resources. A range of language tasks are available)

- Revision Guides available to purchase from school



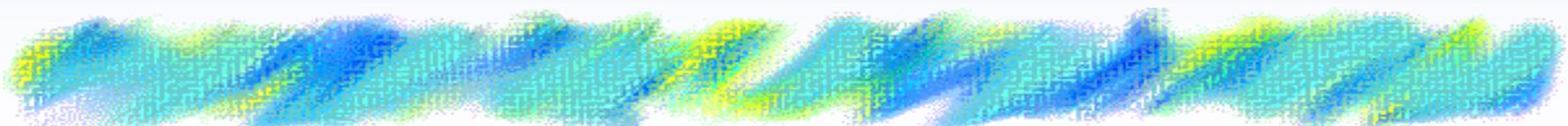
Students will be expected to, carry out independent learning / revision in addition to homework tasks set.

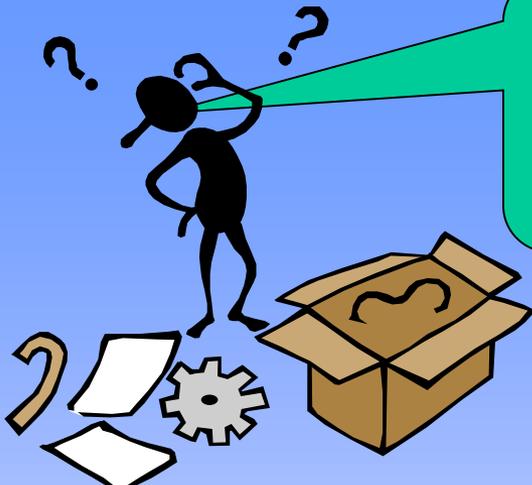


We would like you to think carefully about choosing your GCSE subjects. Make sure your choices are right for you and for your future aspirations.



Commonly asked questions





OK, what do I need to study French
at Morecambe Bay Academy?



Good
communication
and written skills
are important.

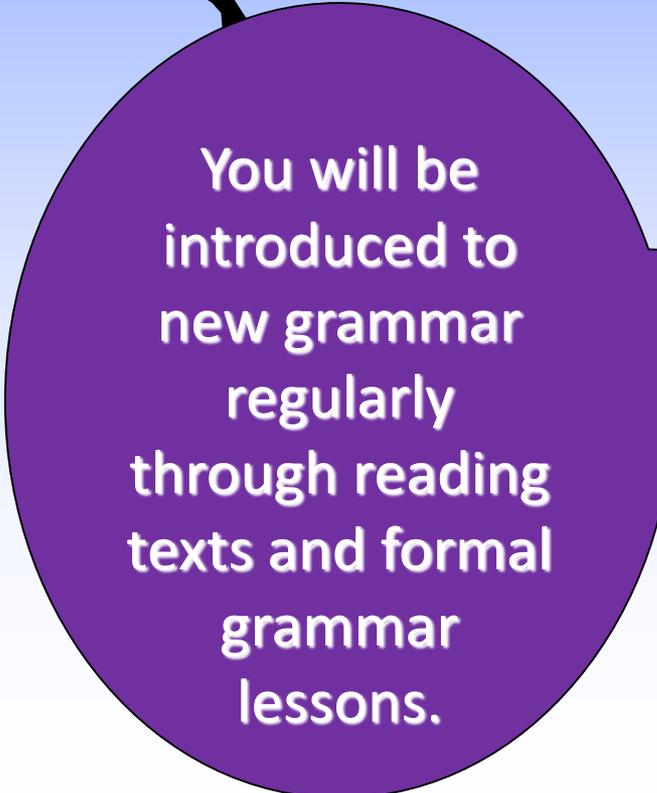
A willingness and desire
to complete
independent revision
and learning of
language and grammar
introduced is essential.

A black stick figure is running to the right, looking back over its shoulder. It has several lines radiating from its head, suggesting a headache or frustration. A green speech bubble points from the figure towards the center of the image.

Will I find all the grammar difficult?

A black stick figure is standing, wearing a graduation cap and holding a diploma. A purple speech bubble points from the figure towards the top right of the image.

You will revisit and revise grammar you've seen before.

A large purple speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the center of the image.

You will be introduced to new grammar regularly through reading texts and formal grammar lessons.

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You will employ the new grammar to be more creative in your written and spoken French.



Will I have to write essays in French straight away?!

You will have the opportunity to write essays in French, but you will be given plenty of material from which to draw ideas and inspiration.

You will also do lots of exercises which will be very familiar to you.

Exercises might include:

- Gap filling
- True, False or not-mentioned phrases
- Completion or correction of sentences
- Ranking sentences in order of importance



GREAT!
Where do we sign up?

This could be one of the best decisions you make in opening up a world full of richer opportunities...

Do you have any questions?