

Course Title	GCSE French
Exam Board	Edexcel
Exam Board Website	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html</a>
Course Code	1FRO
Controlled Assessment/Exam Weighting	100% exam (25% for each skill)

#### Course Description:

The GCSE French course allows pupils to build on the skills and knowledge acquired at KS3 by developing the ability to communicate with native French speakers in both speech and writing. They will study a wide range of interesting and relevant topics, while also gaining a much greater awareness of Francophone culture and communities.

By the end of the course pupils should be able to communicate clearly and confidently with native speakers and will have developed their language-learning skills, both for immediate use and to prepare them for future language study, higher education or employment.

#### Assessment:

The GCSE for languages:

- Does not contain any controlled assessments
- Is 100% externally assessed by the exam board
- Offers tiered papers and each skill (reading, writing, listening and speaking) is worth 25%

- Speaking (10-12 minutes)
- Listening (Foundation – 35 minutes, Higher – 40 minutes)
- Reading (Foundation - 45 minutes, Higher - 1 hour)
- Writing (Foundation – 1 hour 10 minutes, Higher – 1 hour 20 minutes)
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Assessment tasks include:

- Reading comprehension questions, in both English and French
- Short translations from French into English and English into French
- Listening to extracts of spoken French and identifying key pieces of information
- Having an unprepared conversation in French
- Authentic literary texts, e.g. stories, poems, etc.

This course is suitable for:

People who wish to have the ability to step inside the mind and context of another culture. A language GCSE is intellectually challenging and forms a good foundation for a future with languages for both work and leisure – an increasingly necessary attribute for citizens in today’s economy. Languages are part of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and complement other subjects such as Geography, History, Sport and Business Studies. They are also very well regarded by universities, and highly sought after by employers.

#### Careers/Jobs

This course supports any careers which require face to face and written communication with international companies. Those wishing to move into careers in business, industry, languages, education and any career which requires study at university level should consider a GCSE in a foreign language.

At Etone College Sixth Form, pupils can continue studying an A Level in French provided they meet the entry requirements of a grade 6 or higher at GCSE.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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