



GCSE

French

The Brunts Academy

Key Features of the Course:

The content of the course is extremely varied and aims to develop the students' listening and reading comprehension, fluency in both spoken and written work and competence in the more advanced structures. The course is divided into modules of work, dealing with such topics as:

Theme 1: Identity and culture.

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

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

There is a gradual structured development of students' linguistic skills to help them in the transition from KS3. Students take assessments based on a variety of topics throughout the GCSE, testing their linguistic competence in all four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Finally, there is a cross topic exam at the end of their studies for each skill.

What type of student is this suitable for?

Students wishing to study a modern language at GCSE should have achieved a good level at KS3. Students should be able to by the end of KS3 manipulate verbs accurately into different tenses, understand longer texts both in reading and listening and confidence when speaking the target language is also required. You will need to be willing to learn vocabulary and be able to plan and write extended pieces of maximum 90/150 words.

What could this course lead on to?

The knowledge of a modern language is a highly valued and important qualification for a number of career opportunities. Students with an ability to communicate confidently and effectively in a modern language will be able to use their skills in the commercial, financial, tourist and legal sectors, in addition to translation work and teaching, not only in this country but also abroad.

Title	Assessment
AO1 Listening	Externally Examined Written Paper: 35 mins F Tier, 45 mins H Tier Candidates will answer a range of questions in English, French and non-verbally based on what they hear. Weighting: 25% of total marks
AO2 Speaking	Externally Examined Foundation Tier: students attend one session of 7–9 mins (and supervised preparation time of 12 mins). Higher Tier: students attend one session of 10–12 mins (and supervised preparation time of 12 mins). Role play, photo card and general conversation. Tests will be recorded. Weighting: 25% of total marks
AO3 Reading	Externally Examined Written Paper: 45 mins F Tier, 60 mins H Tier Candidates will answer a range of questions in English, French and non-verbally based on what they read, including authentic texts. Includes translation activity from French. Weighting: 25% of total marks
AO4 Writing	Externally Examined Writing Test: F Tier 1-hour H Tier 1 hour 15 Questions in French, 2/3 Writing tasks cross topic 90 words Foundation – 150 words Higher. Includes translation activity into French. Weighting: 25% of total marks

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