



## Supporting your child through their French GCSE

### Supporting with French revision:

All the papers on either tier require a good breadth of vocabulary knowledge, confident independent use of grammar and a range of question type strategies at hand. All content from any part of the course may be assessed on each of the four papers. Here are some tips:

- Ensure your child completes homework set.
- Encourage your child to attend intervention sessions.
- Remind them that room 11 is open every Wednesday and Thursday lunch time for one to one support and revision.
- Ensure active French revision is included into a regular revision cycle timetable. Including listening - the revision guide has a CD; there are also listening sections on the websites below.
- Ensure they cover all of the topics in their revision not just the ones they find easy.
- Expect them to be learning spellings/vocabulary regularly and offer to test them to help them check their progress.
- Test your child on their speaking answers, listen/prompt/encourage them whilst you read their answers and they speak.

The students who feel best equipped in the exam are those who are regularly building their vocabulary base, tackling harder listening and reading questions and applying feedback they are given on written and spoken answers as part of their revision at home and in lesson. Students should try and include a weekly slot for these activities at home in order to build their understanding and confidence before the exam. Students should discuss any problems or concerns with their teachers.

Thank you in advance for your support and we wish our Year 11s all the best with their exams!

### The exams!

We have been doing practise mock examinations all year in the run up to the exams during lessons. The next speaking one will be w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Preparation for the mock examinations is absolutely essential!

The final exams are on the following dates;

Paper	Focus	Length	%	Date
1	<b>Listening</b>	Foundation 35 mins Higher 45 mins	25%	May 12 <sup>th</sup> a.m.
2	<b>Speaking</b>	Foundation 7-9 mins Higher 10-12 mins	25%	W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> April
3	<b>Reading</b>	Foundation 45 mins Higher 1 hour.	25%	May 12 <sup>th</sup> a.m.
4	<b>Writing</b>	Foundation 1 hour Higher 1 hour 15 mins	25%	May 15 <sup>th</sup> a.m.

### Course details:

GCSE French

Exam board: AQA

Specification: 8658

Website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

### Useful revision websites

<a href="http://www.linguascope.com">www.linguascope.com</a>	username brunts password salut
<a href="http://www.atantot.com">www.atantot.com</a>	username brunts password 3848
<a href="http://www.quizlet.com">www.quizlet.com</a>	Free
<a href="http://www.languagesonline.org.uk">www.languagesonline.org.uk</a>	Free
<a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a>	Free

**Topics:**

<b>Theme 1</b>	<b>Identity and culture:</b>
<b>Topics:</b>	Me, my family and friends. Technology in everyday life. Free time activities.
<b>Theme 2</b>	<b>Local, national, international and global areas of interest.</b>
<b>Topics:</b>	Home, town, neighbourhood and region. Social issues. Global issues.
<b>Theme 3</b>	<b>Current and future study and employment.</b>
<b>Topics:</b>	My studies, life at school. Education post 16. Career choices and ambitions.

**Paper 2 Speaking:** 12 minutes preparation time (no dictionary/book)

**Remember:**

Role-play - 5 bullet points, including 1 surprise question, students ask 1 question.

Photo card - Includes 2 surprise questions. Include opinions and reasons.

General conversation - 1 chosen theme, 1 chosen for you.

**Available Revision Materials**

Past exam papers...these can be found on:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/assessment-resources>

SENECA <https://app.senecalearning.com>



Students should tackle modules that they cannot remember, they need to go over difficult points. They should retackle modules where they have not scored well.

QUIZLET <https://quizlet.com>



Cue cards

Your child can make their own, or these can be purchased from school for £4.55 each.



Revision Guides

There are other revision materials that can be purchased from school on SQUID.





# Top Tips for Speaking Exams

## Role Play

- Keep it **SIMPLE**
- Only give the information required
- Make sure you can **ASK** a question

1. s'il vous plaît = please (vous)
2. s'il te plaît = please (tu)
3. Je voudrais = I would like
4. Tu as/Vous avez = Do you have..?
5. Tu aimes/Vous aimez = Do you like..?
6. Tu es/Vous êtes = You are/Are you..?
7. Où est = where is?
8. Il y a = There is/Is there?



1. sur la photo = in the photo
2. je vois = I see
3. de gauche à droite = from left to right
4. c'est = it is
5. probablement = probably
6. peut-être = maybe
7. en train de +INF = in the middle of +INF
8. à mon avis = in my opinion
9. est = is
10. sont = are
11. ils sourient = they are smiling

## Photo card

- Keep it **SIMPLE**
- Give an **OPINION**
- Explain **ONE** opinion
- Give a **LONGER** response to **ONE** question.

## General Conversation

- Use some **FANCY** phrases
- Give as much information as you can
- Make sure you include **OPINIONS** and **REASONS**
- Use a **VARIETY** of time frames and vocab.

1. En ce qui concerne... = as far as ... is concerned
2. Et après y être arrivé = and after arriving there
3. Après avoir fait cela = after having done that
4. Pendant que je faisais cela = whilst I was doing that
5. Il faut que je vous dise que = I must tell you that
6. Selon moi = in my opinion
7. Ce que j'ai aimé le plus = what I liked the most
8. Ce que j'ai aimé le moins = what I liked the least
9. J'ai toujours voulu +INF = I've always wanted +INF