GCSE FRENCH

Subject French
Exam board AQA

Course overview
GCSE French helps you to develop your language skills in a variety of contexts and gives you a broad understanding of the culture of countries and communities where French is spoken. It encourages enjoyment of language learning and the recognition that language skills enable you to take your place in a multilingual global society. This qualification counts towards the English Baccalaureate.

Course breakdown
This four-unit specification requires you to develop your ability to write and speak in French and to understand French when it is written down or spoken.

Assessment
100% exam. This is structured as

- 25% listening exam, with comprehension questions.
- 25% reading exam, with comprehension and a short translation from French into English.
- 25% speaking exam, conducted in school with your teacher. This involves a short presentation and conversation, as well as some interactive activities. It is recorded in school and sent away to be marked.
- 25% writing exam, with questions and tasks and a short translation from English into French.

Qualities needed for this course
Good performance across all four key skills, although all language learners have strengths and areas for improvement in specific skills. Learning a language requires time spent learning independently and at regular intervals.

Possible paths post 16
A/S and A-Level French.

Many universities will judge prospective pupils based on breadth of expertise as well as the required qualifications. There are decreasing numbers of people able to speak a second language and it is a skill which is increasingly sought after. Thus, learning a language can give you a valuable skills edge in the competitive world of business and university applications.

Who do I contact for more information?
Mr Walker, or your individual classroom teacher for French.