French (GCSE)

French GCSE	*AQA SPECIFICATION*
Weighting of assessment 	**Assessment content** All assessments in the summer of Y11 **Listening** Topics from across the two years **Reading** Topics from across the two years Translation from French to English **Speaking** Role play card, picture card and general conversation with your teacher **Writing** 2 structured writing tasks and a short translation from English to French

SUCCESS TIPS

- Work hard to develop your accuracy by learning the spelling of key vocabulary and verbs. You will need to prove this under exam conditions.
- Proof read your work critically – Get into good habits!
- Make sure that your books are well presented and organised, all sheets stuck in the relevant place.
- Make full use of your resources to support your work and experiment with unfamiliar language in class or for homework. If you don't know you can find out!
- Invest time and care into the end of sub-topic assessments and preparation documents as this will be an excellent revision tool before your exam. Take pride in your assessment preparation book.
- Use verb tables and grammar notes to check work. Familiarise yourself with tense changes and learn key verbs. Practise verb tenses, using verb cards to move more confidently from one tense to another.
- Purchase a Collins Easy Learning French Verb book and dictionary and download the dictionary app. wordreference.com on your phone. Also try www.verb2verb.com to help with verbs.
- Improve your listening and reading skills by purchasing AQA study guides available soon in school. Try apps like Duolingo, Newshound and Busu and also BBC Languages.
- Borrow or subscribe to the Mary Glasgow magazine to broaden vocabulary and enhance reading and listening skills about current, fun topics for young people.
- If you are struggling attend the support clinic on Monday or Thursday lunch times.
- Develop strategies to access more unfamiliar language in preparation for the exam.
- Be aware that good writing scores come from the inclusion of a RANGE of tenses, opinions and the building up of complex sentences. Recycle language! Be brave!
- Access as much French culture as possible for example French films, magazines, websites and trips.

The course is divided into 3 main themes:

Theme 1: Me , family & friends
Relationships, technology, free time, customs & traditions

Theme 2: Local, national, international, global
Home & region, voluntary work, healthy lifestyle, environment, poverty, holidays

Theme 3: Current & future study and work
My studies & school life, comparison with the French education system, future study and work choices, work experience