KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
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Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
GCSE FRENCH

🇫🇷 What will students study?

The Pearson Edexcel GCSE French course develops students' ability to listen, speak, read and write confidently in French, while also building their understanding of French-speaking cultures.

Students will work across six broad themes:

- **My personal world** – family, friends, relationships and equality
- **Lifestyle and wellbeing** – health, food, sport and wellbeing
- **My neighbourhood** – towns, shopping, transport and the environment
- **Media and technology** – social media, gaming, music, TV and film
- **Studying and my future** – school, work and future opportunities
- **Travel and tourism** – holidays, accommodation and tourist attractions

Vocabulary and grammar are developed throughout the course and are used across all four skills.

📝 How is GCSE French assessed?

The qualification is divided equally between four papers – each worth 25%.

Paper	What is assessed?
🗣️ 1. Speaking	Read aloud, role play, picture description and conversation
🎧 2. Listening	Listening comprehension + dictation
📖 3. Reading	Reading comprehension + translation into English
✍️ 4. Writing	Written communication + translation into French

💡 What can parents do to help?

Small and regular practice makes a big difference

You can support your child by encouraging them to:

- **Learn and regularly revisit key vocabulary**. Vocabulary lists are available on Google Classroom. Try writing words on post-it notes and displaying them around the house!
- **Practise speaking French aloud**. Even a few minutes can make a difference. You don't need to understand what they are saying – simply encourage them to read their speaking answers aloud to build confidence.
- **Listen to French regularly** to become comfortable with different voices and speaking speeds. **Use ActiveHub** to access listening files. Students can also follow the QR codes in their revision workbook.
- **Review grammar alongside vocabulary** using the revision guide and workbook.
- **Practise translating short sentences** regularly.
- **Complete practice questions** in the revision guide and learn from mistakes. Answers are provided at the back of the book so you can help.

Most importantly – encourage your child to have a go! Making mistakes is a normal and important part of learning a language – **every little bit of practice builds confidence.**

📚 Revision resources

Exam papers & revision guides

As this is a new GCSE, there are currently no past papers available for this particular specification. However, papers from the legacy GCSE contain many of the same topics and skills.

Pearson Edexcel GCSE French (2016) | Pearson qualifications
Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French Revision Guide
New GCSE French Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook

Online resources

- Memorize By Heart - learning speaking exam answers
- GCSE French - Edexcel (for exams from 2026) - BBC Bitesize
- Seneca
- Quizlet (student Google classroom)
- ActiveHub (student Google classroom)
- Languagenut (students have their own individual logins for this)

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