



FRENCH

Exam Details

AQA French (8658)

French **Speaking** exam window **22nd April to 29th April**

(Foundation tier 7-9 minutes; Higher tier 10-12 minutes + 12 minutes preparation time)

French **Listening** exams (Foundation 35 mins; Higher 45 mins) **Wednesday, 20 May 2026 (am)**

French **Reading** exams (Foundation 45 mins; Higher 1 hour) **Wednesday, 20 May 2026 (am)**

French **Writing** exams (Foundation 1 hour; Higher 1 hour 15 mins) **Thursday, 4 June 2026 (pm)**

You will complete one Listening, one Reading, one Speaking and one Writing exam at Foundation or Higher level (each paper is worth 25% of the GCSE exam)

Revision at Home

ActiveHub - All Year 11 students should soon receive their own username and password to access the website, which is based on the textbook used in class. It provides opportunities to complete listening and reading activities to consolidate what we have done in lessons.

Coloured key verb sheet - use this to gain confidence with the key verbs.

Memrise.com - All students are members of a Memrise group which aims to support and build vocabulary knowledge.

bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize - for listening and reading practice.

linguascope.com (Intermediate level) - Students should have, or can obtain, the username and password for this website from their teacher. It offers vocabulary and grammar practice in a variety of topic areas, and the Intermediate level is aimed at GCSE.

languagesonline.org.uk - An excellent website to help focus on grammar (verb conjugation, practice in different tenses) as well as topic specific match-up exercises and gap-fill texts.

MFL French section on PGS Intranet contains links to useful resources, top tips and the Memrise courses for each GCSE theme as well as links to past papers on the AQA website.

AQA website – for past paper listening and reading practice and mark schemes.

Grammar, Translation and Vocabulary Workbooks.

CGP revision guide – covers all four skill areas and offers useful advice on preparing for the exam. Any additional practice using authentic materials (websites, podcasts) is invaluable.

Key Information

Speaking and writing skills are closely linked, with revision in one area benefiting the other. All students should be revising from paragraphs they have prepared on the topics studied and particularly from the topic sheets they have been given for the purpose. Many students find it helpful to make flashcards for vocabulary or put sticky notes around their room. Completing mind-maps of topic and sub-topic areas will help to consolidate key vocabulary and structures.