

Parkhall Integrated College
Revision Fact File



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| Subject | French |
| Exam Board | CCEA |
| Specification | Specification CCEA GCSE French |
| Unit 1: 35 mins (Foundation Tier), 45 mins (Higher Tier) | Listening This exam is worth 25% of the overall mark |
| Specific equipment required | Black Pen |



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| Exam paper specific skills/knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate understanding of different types of spoken language • Follow and understand clear speech using familiar language • Identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of spoken passages • Deduce meaning from a variety of spoken texts • Recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended spoken text, by being able to answer questions, extract information, evaluate and draw conclusions • This paper will begin with a 5 minute reading period <p>Foundation Tier: The Foundation Listening examination has two sections, divided into 12 questions: Section A is questions 1-8 and is assessed in English. It is worth 42 marks. Section B is questions 9-12 and is assessed in French. It is worth 18 marks.</p> <p>The Higher Listening examination has two sections, divided into 12 questions: Section A is questions 1-4 and is assessed in French. It is worth 18 marks. Section B is questions 5-12 and is assessed in English. It is worth 42 marks</p> |
| Subject Specific Strategies for Revising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a good knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to the topics in the specification • Learn vocabulary under topic areas as set out in the French Core Minimum Vocabulary list – Appendix 5 of the CCEA GCSE French Specification • Use Modules 1- 8 of GCSE Studio Textbook and corresponding workbooks to revise vocabulary (see Sentence Builders) • Use of flashcards per topic • Use the CCEA MP3 Listening files to practice listening at home |
| Useful Websites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCEA GCSE French Listening Factfile • Quizlet CCEA GCSE French • Wordwall GCSE French • https://www.linguascope.com/ |
| How can parents help? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child create a calm, distraction-free environment • Encourage your child to use a learning style that suits them • Encourage your child to attend revision sessions prior to the examination |
| Where could I find past papers and mark schemes? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete as many past papers as possible – MP3 listening files and transcripts are available to practise: GCSE French past papers and mark schemes |

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| Unit 2: 12 minutes | Speaking This exam is worth 25% of the overall mark |
| Specific equipment required | Black Pen |



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| Exam paper specific skills/knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make appropriate and accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures • Make creative use of the language, as appropriate, to express and justify your own thoughts and points of view • Use accurate pronunciation and intonation that would be understood by a native speaker • Express information and narrate events coherently and confidently • Speak spontaneously, responding to questions, points of view or situations and sustaining communication • The layout of the Speaking examination is as follows: 10 minutes preparation time for 2 role-plays Role-play 1 – 2 minutes (10 marks) Role-play 2 – 2 minutes (10 marks) Conversation 1 – 4 minutes (20 marks) Conversation 2 – 4 minutes (20 marks) |
| Subject Specific Strategies for Revising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain confidence and fluency through practice • Write out well-developed answers to CCEA sample questions • Develop a good knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to the topics in the specification • Learn vocabulary under topic areas as set out in the French Core Minimum Vocabulary list – Appendix 5 of the CCEA GCSE French Specification • Use Modules 1- 8 of the Studio GCSE Textbook and corresponding workbooks to revise vocabulary and key verbs in different tenses (see Sentence Builders) • Attend afterschool speaking practice sessions March/April |
| Useful Websites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCEA GCSE French Speaking factfile • Quizlet GCSE French flashcards • Wordwall GCSE French • https://www.linguascope.com/ |
| How can parents help? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child create a calm, distraction-free environment • Encourage your child to use a learning style that suits them • Encourage your child to attend revision sessions prior to the examination |
| Where could I find past papers and mark schemes? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete as many past papers as possible – see Role-Play situations @ CCEA GCSE French past papers and mark schemes |

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| Unit 3: 50 mins (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier) | Reading This exam is worth 25% of the overall mark |
| Specific equipment required | Black Pen |



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| <p>Exam paper specific skills/knowledge</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate understanding of different types of written language • Understand details within texts using high frequency familiar language • Identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of written passages • Deduce meaning from a variety of written texts • Recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended written text and authentic sources • Demonstrate understanding by being able to scan for particular information, organise and present relevant details, draw conclusions in context and recognise implicit meaning, where appropriate • Translate sentences from French into English • Recognise how different tenses look when written down • <u>The Foundation Reading</u> examination has two sections, divided into 12 questions: Section A is questions 1-8 and is assessed in English. It is worth 36 marks. Question 8 asks you to translate sentences from French to English Section B is questions 9-12 and is assessed in French. It is worth 24 marks • <u>The Higher Reading</u> examination has two sections, divided into 12 questions: Section A is questions 1-4 and is assessed in French. It is worth 24 marks Section B is questions 5-12 and is assessed in English. It is worth 36 marks. Question 5 asks you to translate sentences from French to English |
| <p>Subject Specific Strategies for Revising</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a good knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to the topics in the specification • Learn vocabulary under topic areas as set out in the French Core Minimum Vocabulary list – Appendix 5 of the CCEA GCSE French Specification • Use Modules 1- 8 of GCSE Studio Textbook and corresponding workbooks to revise vocabulary (see Sentence Builders) • Use of flashcards per topic • Read for interest – magazines, newspapers, advertisements, short articles online. To practise your reading skills, use a variety of authentic French |
| <p>Useful Websites</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCEA GCSE French Reading factfile |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizlet CCEA GCSE French • Wordwall GCSE French • https://www.linguascope.com/ • BBC Bitesize GCSE CCEA French revision materials |
| How can parents help? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child create a calm, distraction-free environment • Encourage your child to use a learning style that suits them • Encourage your child to attend revision sessions prior to the examination |
| Where could I find past papers and mark schemes? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete as many past papers as possible @ GCSE French past papers and mark schemes |

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| Unit 4: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 mins (Higher Tier) | Writing This exam is worth 25% of the overall mark |
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| Exam paper specific skills/knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate in writing for a variety of purposes • Write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language to convey meaning and exchange information • Translate sentences from English into French to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language and structures in context • Produce clear and coherent extended text to present facts and express ideas and opinions for different purposes • Make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures • Manipulate the language, using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with accuracy and fluency • Make independent and creative use of the language to identify key points, express and justify your thoughts and points of view • <u>The Foundation Tier Writing examination</u> has 4 questions Question 1(a) begins with a short list, asking you to list 4 items in French Question 1(b) you must write three short phrases; each phrase must contain 2 or 3 words in French Question 2 - write single sentences in French Question 3 - you will translate 5 short sentences from English into French Question 4 - write a structured piece of extended writing in French. There will be five bullet points and you should aim to write 80-100 words in total for this question – ie each paragraph should contain approximately 16 – 20 words. Three paragraphs will be in the present tense, one will be in a past time frame and one will be in a future or conditional time frame. You must answer all five of the bullet points |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>Higher Writing examination</u> has four questions Question 1 - write single sentences in French and is the common question with the Foundation Tier paper Question 2 - write single sentences in French Question 3 will be a translation exercise. You will translate 5 short sentences from English into French Question 4 - write a structured piece of extended writing in French. There will be five bullet points and you should aim to write 130-150 words in total for this question – ie each paragraph should contain approximately 26 – 30 words. Three paragraphs will be in the present tense, one will be in a past time frame and one will be in a future or conditional time frame. You must answer all five of the bullet points |
| <p>Subject Specific Strategies for Revising</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a good knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to the topics in the specification • Learn vocabulary under topic areas as set out in the French Core Minimum Vocabulary list – Appendix 5 of the CCEA GCSE French Specification • Use Modules 1- 8 of GCSE Studio Textbook and corresponding workbooks to revise vocabulary (see Sentence Builders) • Use of flashcards per topic |
| <p>Useful Websites</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCEA GCSE French writing factfile • CCEA GCSE French grammar factfile • CCEA GCSE French Writing support • Quizlet CCEA GCSE French • Wordwall GCSE French • https://www.linguascope.com/ |
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| <p>Where could I find past papers and mark schemes?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete as many past papers as possible @ GCSE French past papers and mark schemes |