**GCSE French National Curriculum**

Here are the key aims and outcomes of GSCE French according to the syllabus:

* *To enable students to communicate accurately, confidently, coherently, spontaneously and independently in French, with an enriched vocabulary in a fluent manner and variety of contexts.*
* *To enable students to understand clearly articulated French in standard speech, at near-normal speed, and to develop their ability and ambition to communicate with native speakers.*
* *To develop students’ ability to respond to a range of (appropriately adapted) authentic French written material, including news articles and other literary texts.*
* *To encourage students to develop a wider cultural awareness and understanding of French identities and zeitgeists of societies. To have an ability to see beyond the common clichés in relation to French culture.*

The exams

So, finally, how will it all be examined? Of course, you know that four elements of your language course will be assessed via a listening, reading, speaking and written assessment. These four assessments are assessed and calculated and will count as part of your overall percentage grade.

Luckily, major exam boards AQA, Edexcel and OCR all have a similar way of calculating the overall grade based on the four exams.

In a full French GCSE course from any of these exam boards, this is how you will be assessed:

**Listening:**

* You will be played extracts of French speech, which will be of varying speeds, lengths and difficulty, and will be both formal and informal.
* The questions, presented in English, are designed to test your ability in identifying, understanding, and responding to information.
* Answers are in French and English.

*(Examination result = 20% of your final grade)*

**Reading:**

* You will be presented with text in a variety of forms (e.g. emails, newspapers, brochures), which will be of increasing complexity.
* Questions are given in English and will test how well you identify, understand, and respond to information.
* Answers are in French and English.

*(Examination result = 20% of your final grade)*

**Speaking:**

* You will carry out two tasks (e.g. debate/discussion) that require you to interact with another speaker, who will most likely be your teacher.
* You will be marked on your use of French to present ideas and information, in multiple contexts and settings.
* It will also be marked by your teacher.

*(Controlled Assessment result = 30% of your final grade)*

**Writing:**

* You will carry out two writing tasks on different subjects, in exam conditions at your school.
* You will be marked on your ability to convey ideas and points of view clearly, which are relevant to the task.

*(Controlled Assessment result = 30% of your final grade)*