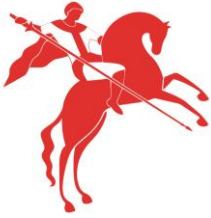


GCSE French AQA Exams Summer 2026



Exam Overview Each component is worth 25% of the total grade.

- Speaking starts 27th April
- Listening & Reading – 20 May 2026 AM
- Writing – 4 June 2026 PM

What Each Exam Contains

- **Listening:** dialogues & passages
 - Understanding **main points** in spoken French
 - Identifying **key details and specific information**
 - Recognising **opinions, attitudes and emotions**
 - Demonstrating **gist understanding** (overall meaning)
 - Interpreting **longer and more complex extracts**
 - Responding to a **variety of question types** (multiple-choice, matching, true/false, short written answers)
 - Using **context and inference** to work out meaning of unknown language
- **Reading:** articles, adverts
 - Understanding **main points** in written French texts
 - Identifying **key details and specific information**
 - Recognising **opinions, attitudes and emotions** in written language
 - Interpreting **longer and more complex texts** across all GCSE themes
 - Using **inference and deduction** to work out meaning
 - Responding to a **range of question types** (multiple-choice, matching, gap-fill, short written answers)
 - Translating **sentences/short paragraphs from French into English**

- **Writing:** photo desc., short & long writing
 - Writing **short communicated messages** (Foundation only)
 - Producing **shorter written responses** using familiar language
 - Producing **extended writing** on given topics (bullet-pointed task)
 - Expressing **opinions, justifications and descriptions** clearly
 - Using a **range of vocabulary and structures** appropriate to the task
 - Using **time frames** (past, present, future) accurately
 - Translating **English into French** accurately
 - Organising writing with **clarity and coherence**
 - Demonstrating **accuracy, variety and creativity** in language use

Speaking

- Role-play: responding to short prompts in French
- Photo card: describing a picture and answering simple questions
- General conversation: talking about topics you've studied

Topics Assessed

- Theme 1: People and lifestyle
- Theme 2: Popular culture
- Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

Revision Resources

Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/stgeorgesacademy/french-gcse-year-11-updated-for-2025-26-iytrl0i0rvmlx0jp>

Past Papers:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/french/gcse/french-8652>

BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>