

GCSE 2009 French



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 French differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when they are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE French full course (2FR01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3FR0S/3FR0W) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note: these examples are not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of some of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE French (1226)

JUNE			
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →			
Paper 1: Listening and Responding	25	Exam	100 Overall grade
Paper 2: Speaking	25	Exam/Cwrk	
Paper 3: Reading and responding	25	Exam	
Paper 4: Writing	25	Exam/Cwrk	

New GCSE 2009: French (2FR01) Example 1

Unit Availability				
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →	
5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →				
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	Re-sit	20	Exam	Overall grade
	Unit 2: Speaking	30	Controlled	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	
	Unit 4: Writing	30	Controlled	

New GCSE 2009: French (3FR0S / 2FR01) Example 2

Unit Availability				
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →	
5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →				
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		60 / 20	Exam	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking		40 / 30	Controlled	
	Unit 3: Reading and understanding	20	Exam	
	Unit 4: Writing	30	Controlled	

This candidate has cashed in the short course 3FR0S after year 1. They have then gone on to complete Units 3 & 4 in Year 2 and cash in the full course.

New GCSE 2009: French (2FR01) Example 3

Unit Availability				
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →	
5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	5FR02; 5FR04	5FR01; 5FR02; 5FR03; 5FR04	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →				
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		20	Exam	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking		30	Controlled	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	
Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	

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