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| **Subject** | **French (8658)** |
| **Exam Board** | **AQA** |

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| **Date of Exam** | **26th /27th April** | **15th May (am)** | **15th May (am)** | **18th May (am)** |
| **Paper number/name** | Paper 2: **Speaking** | Paper 1: **Listening** | Paper 3: **Reading** | Paper 4: **Writing** |
| **Length of exam** | Non-exam assessment  7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time  10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time  60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)  25% of GCSE | Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)  40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)  25% of GCSE | Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier)  60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)  25% of GCSE | Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)  50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier  25% of GCSE |
| **Content of paper, topics, units, focus of question and other useful information/links** | Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier)  Photo card – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 3 minutes at Higher Tier)  General conversation – 30 marks (3–5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5–7 minutes at Higher Tier) | Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English  Section B – questions in French, to be answered in French | Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally  Section B – questions in French, to be answered in French  Section C – translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words at Foundation Tier and 50 words at Higher Tier) | **Foundation Tier**  Question 1 – message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) – 8 marks  Question 2 – short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) – 16 marks  Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 35 words) – 10 marks  Question 4 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks  **Higher Tier**  Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks  Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 32 marks  Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 50 words) – 12 marks |