

French A level

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Specific Criteria:

- **Grade 5 in GCSE French, Higher papers**

Whilst studying French A level you will learn about the culture and mode de vie of France and the French-speaking world. It is an opportunity to discover France and those who speak this beautiful language in depth. A level French is rather like General Studies in another language, so pupils must think for themselves, form their own opinions and not be afraid to share them.

Students are given the opportunity to discuss new ideas, discover attitudes from other parts of the world and open their eyes to the wider world through these general themes.

- Changes in French Society
- Political and Artistic Culture in French Speaking Countries
- Immigration and French Society
- Occupation and The Resistance
- Literature and Film
- Personal Research Project

Assessment:

Paper One (Listening, reading and translation - 2 hours 30 - 50% of overall marks);
You will have your own listening device and can listen to each extract as many times as you would like.

Paper Two (Written response to works and translation - 2 hours - 20% of overall marks);
You will study a book and a film during the course and write essays about each one.

Paper Three (Speaking - 21 to 23 minutes - 30% of overall marks)
You will present your individual research project during the speaking exam.

Skills Required:

- A good level of French in all 4 skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking
- Analytical / critical thinking
- An interest in the French speaking world

Course Information:

This course is an invaluable springboard for anyone considering working and living abroad and can open doors to international business and communications careers. Good linguists are risk takers and naturally inquisitive. At this level, you need to be rigorous in your learning and very accurate in your application of knowledge.

Future Opportunities:

This course helps develop your communication skills in French and will help you become a confident speaker with an in depth knowledge of French culture. The Russell Group of Universities name French among its list of 'facilitating subjects'.

Language learning is indistinguishably linked with History, Culture, Business and Economics. French at degree level can be combined with almost any of subject. There are well attested advantages of speaking more than one language. Linguists are in increased demand in many sectors of industry.

"If you talk to a man in a language that he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart"
Nelson Mandela

Subject Enrichment:

Paris trip during Year 13

Opportunity to support students in the lower years on a weekly basis with their speaking

Support to organise work experience abroad

Students should look for opportunities to work independently on their language acquisition

- Watch films / series in French
- Listen to French music
- Read some French poetry / literature

See your teacher if you have any questions