

French

Why this course is right for you

Do you have an interest in French society, culture, traditions and politics? Do you enjoy constructing your own arguments in French? Are you keen to participate in discussions and good at listening to others? Then A-level French is for you!

Inspired by subject-specialist teachers, who are passionate about French language and culture, you will have numerous opportunities to develop your communication skills through written and verbal expression of your own ideas in whole class, small group and one-to-one situations. Use of information technology and independent study are integral to the course.



Course Content

Exam board: tbc

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The A-level is a two-year linear course with all assessments at the end of Year 2.

Year 1 Topics

- One theme from social issues and trends
- One theme from political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture
- One book or film
- Grammar

Year 2 Topics

- A further theme from social issues and trends
- A further theme from political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture
- One book (or if book studied in Year 1, one film or a second book)
- Grammar
- Individual research project

The A-level includes an element of translation both ways.

Additional Experiences

You will be given opportunities throughout the year to go to the cinema, universities and conferences. You can also complete interactive activities to enrich your knowledge and your teacher will direct you through this. We will also have the opportunity to exchange letters with a partnership school in Spain/France.

Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 6 French GCSE or be a native speaker.

“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.”

Flora Lewis

Beyond A Levels

Studying French at A-Level will prepare you to study a languages degree. Equally, studying French will open your door to many other degrees where the skills acquired in the course are valued: Criminology, Law, Accountancy, History, Management, Politics and many more.

A foreign language qualification is also considered to be a most valuable asset by employers in a range of occupations within the fields of engineering, medicine, diplomacy, the sciences and many others.

Going further

If you think you might be interested in foreign language and wish to explore take a look at the following:

- Podcasts: 'Coffee break French', Duolingo French podcast, Memrise.
- Radio: TuneIn Radio for French radio .
- Apps: 20 minutes, Le Parisien, France 24, France Inter.