

French

Course Type: A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Course Entry Requirements: Standard (Five GCSE subjects at a minimum grade 4 or the equivalent including Maths and English), including a minimum grade 6 in GCSE French

Why Study French?

Gain an in-depth knowledge of the culture and society of France and French-speaking countries, and speak a foreign language fluently.

An increasing global world makes French a useful, relevant, lively and hugely rewarding subject.

French is one of the official languages of the United Nations and the European Union. It is spoken in over 50 countries by around 285 million people. Moreover, speaking a foreign language is one of the most sought after skills for employers.

Studying French can be profitably combined with any other subjects, whether you wish to complement your arts subjects, or to contrast with science subjects.

If you want a mix of activities in lessons and an intellectually stimulating course with a strong practical application, you will enjoy studying French at Advanced Level. If you dream of speaking a foreign language fluently and impressively and aspire to study or work abroad, a language will ensure this ambition is within your grasp. We are hoping to build exchange links with schools in France over the next couple of years and will support work experience abroad. Experience the freedom and thrill of stepping into another culture!

What will I study?

1. Social issues and trends
2. Political and artistic culture
3. Grammar
4. Works: Literary texts and films

What is assessed?

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Intercultural Strand:

You will tackle a range of issues and debates and really get your teeth into an in-depth study of cultural topics, such as an artist's work or a literary text. Our students often comment on how much they have learned in the course aside from the language itself.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 Listening, reading and writing. 50% of A Level

Paper 2 Writing (on text or film) 20% of A Level

Paper 3 Speaking. 30% of A Level