

FRENCH



What will I study?

Students will build on skills acquired at GCSE, developing further their knowledge of French language and grammar, and developing the valuable transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity. Most excitingly, students will gain insight into another culture and society, whilst at the same time enhancing employment prospects and facilitating foreign travel. The interest in this course lies not only in the development of French language but also the topics covered are interesting in their own right)

A Level

This is a two year course which is examined at the end of Year 13. There are four main strands in the new A Level.

Aspects of French-speaking Society: Current Trends

- The changing nature of family
- The cyber-society
- The place of voluntary work

Artistic Culture in the French speaking World

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary Francophone music
- Cinema: the 7th art form

Aspects of French-Speaking Society-Current Issues

- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

Political life in the French speaking World

- Teenagers and the right to vote
- Who holds the power?
- Immigration

Literature and film

(two works- currently *La Haine* & *No et moi* by Delphine de Vigan)

Individual research project on any French related topic you like.

Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing (2.5 hours), 40 % of A level

Paper 2: Writing (2 hours), 30 % of A level

Paper 3: Speaking (20 minutes), 30 % of A level

Career Opportunities

French is not just for those students who wish to continue solely with languages as a chosen career. At a time when more and more university courses are combining subjects, French is an excellent partners alongside, for example, Law, Music, Engineering or History. French is highly regarded and respected by employers and higher education institutions because of the wide range of skills needed. Learning a language is a life skill that can be transferred to all sorts of situations in the workplace and open many doors.

Previous students have gone on to travel extensively around the world including studying in a French university for an ERASMUS year. One individual has gone on to study languages at Oxford University.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 6 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Specialist facilities

Fully resourced dedicated classrooms including a specialist computer room

Hours of study (fortnightly)

8 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

Resources needed

Access to a good online quality dictionary

Course Textbook and cultural texts

