

French



Course Overview: You will build upon the topics that you studied at GCSE, but the onus is now upon you to argue and debate your own point of view.

The course aims to develop your fluency and accuracy in both the spoken and written language and examines a range of topics on how French-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change.

AS level topics include: The changing nature of the family, The 'cyber-society', The place of voluntary work, A culture proud of its heritage, Contemporary francophone music and Cinema: the 7th art form. We will also study a text or a film from a set list.

A level topics will include those included at AS level, plus: Positive features of a diverse society, Life for the marginalised, How criminals are treated, Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, Demonstrations, strikes and Politics and immigration. We will also study a text or a film from a set list.

You will have regular debates in class on a range of current affairs as well as reading articles from the French press, watching French TV and DVDs and using the internet.

AS		A2	
Unit	Title	Unit	Title
1	Listening, Reading and Writing 45 % of total AS marks	Paper 1	Listening, Reading and Writing 50% of total A level marks
2	Speaking 30% of total AS marks	2	Speaking 30% of total A Level marks
3	Writing 25 % of total AS marks	3	Writing 20 % of total A level marks

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 AS (1hr 45) A level (2hr 30) Written Paper – a range of questions on spoken & written passages on themes studied. Short translation.

Paper 2 Oral Exam AS (12-14mins.) A level (21- 23mins) – a discussion based on a stimulus card for each sub-theme. The student studies the cards for 15 minutes before the test begins. At A level this also includes a presentation and discussion of individual research project.

Paper 3 AS (1hr 30) A level ((2hr) Written Exam - a critical response in French on a set text or film. A short translation.

Where could this A Level take me in the future?

Anywhere and Everywhere!

Having a language qualification at this level will open up many career and academic study opportunities.

AS & A levels in Modern Foreign Languages are highly regarded by most universities and can be studied on their own for specific careers or combined with almost any other degree course.

Studying a language is extremely beneficial for careers demanding good communication skills e.g., journalism, business, marketing and law but in today's global economy the ability to speak another language will give you the edge when applying for any job.

Students with MFL Degree qualifications are statistically more likely to find employment after graduation.

What do I need to join?

A minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE French would be accepted to start this course. A grade 7, however, is preferred.

A2 – progression to A2 will be discussed at the end of the AS level course

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