

# French



**A Level 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.

Topics in Year 12 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.

Topics in Year 13 will include those covered in Year 12 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.

## 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.

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Unit	Title
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Listening, Reading and Writing</b> 50% of total A level marks
<b>2</b>	<b>Writing</b> 20 % of total A level marks
<b>3</b>	<b>Speaking</b> 30% of total A Level marks

## How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 A level (2hr 30) Written Paper – a range of questions on spoken & written passages from a range of contexts and sources covering different registers and adapted as necessary on themes studied. One translation from English to French and one translation from French to English.

Paper 2 A level (2hr) Written Exam - a critical response in French on a set text and film or 2 set texts.

Paper 3 Oral Exam A level (21-23mins) – a discussion based on a stimulus card (5mins preparation) (5-6mins discussion). A presentation (2 mins) and discussion (9-10 mins) of individual research project carried out throughout the year.

## 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.

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.