

A Level French



"La richesse de la langue française peut nous amener à ne plus savoir communiquer, ni à se faire comprendre. Mais elle donne l'envie d'essayer." H.t-felize

"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom." Roger Bacon

French is the study of the French language, the Francophone world and French culture comprising of current events, literature, cinema and French history.

By choosing this course you will develop your communication and presentation skills, expand your understanding of current world events, and gain a more developed understanding of different cultures and beliefs. In addition, you will take part in debates as well as learn how to analyse literature and cinema. Finally, mastering grammar and linguistics will allow you to gain a much more comprehensive understanding of your own language.

How you will be assessed:

A total of 3 examinations:

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation into English (2hrs) (40%)

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation into French (2hr40) (30%)

Paper 3: Speaking (21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) (30%)

What you need to get started:

GCSE grade 6 in French and GCSE grade 5 in English. A keen interest in French culture and history is desirable, as well as independent learning and research skills.

What our students say:

"Studying French at Sixth Form really helped me get to grips with the language and develop strong relationships with the staff and students due to the small class sizes. It encouraged me to study French at University and I'd strongly recommend languages to anybody wanting a unique challenge."

Sofia

"Studying French was one of the best experiences I had during my A Levels. Thanks to the diverse topics we study, all extremely important for going into the future (such as immigration, the extreme right, the world of work etc), I feel so much more aware of the world around me, more conscious of the society we live in. In addition to this, I have found myself able to develop key skills

such as forming an argument, using sources to back up information and being convincing, which will be key for my university studies as a law student. Doing a language is like a 'break' from the intensity of other subjects, I have found, and has many benefits when entering the world of work.'

Natalie

"I learnt everything from grammar to French films and historical periods, and how to include references from sources of research, even in speaking presentations, which has already proved useful for University."

Grace



"In A Level French, I enjoyed enhancing my knowledge of the French language, culture and history in a tight-knit, friendly atmosphere. My EPQ project on multilinguals in the UK versus elsewhere showed me how languages are also essential for business and mental health, as well as personal-gain. From completing my A Level French course, I can confidently say that it was an extremely valuable and enjoyable experience, that made me more excited and prepared to continue with French into University."

Elizabeth

What next?

Students can continue their studies at University in a French related degree course. There are many universities which allow you to combine your French studies with another subject. Possible careers include: journalism and media, teaching, tourism, marketing and advertising, interpreter, translator and various sectors of global corporations.

Being bilingual or owning a language A-level is a rare skill which is highly valued and respected by future employers or further education, which in turn improves your future prospects.

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