

French

Why study French?

Studying a language has never been so important. Choosing French will encourage you to develop an interest and enthusiasm for the issues affecting France and French speaking countries. Those seeking jobs with a language qualification earn more than those without. There is a high employment rate for people with language degrees.

Entry requirements

Securing a B grade at GCSE in French will guarantee your place on this course. It may be possible for you to choose the subject with a C grade based on a discussion with the Head of Department and Head of Sixth Form.

Course details and assessment format

AS

During the AS Level course you will study four themes, 2 in Year 12 and 2 in Year 13. They are:

Theme 1 (AS) - Being a young person in French-speaking Society:

Family structures, Youth trends and Education and employment

Theme 2 (AS) - Understanding the French-speaking world:

Regional culture, Literature, art, film and music.

The course will include the study of a French film

You will sit two external examinations:

Unit 1 – an Oral examination, usually around Easter time (15 minutes)

Unit 2 – a listening, reading and writing examination. (2.5 hours)

A Level

Theme 3 (A2) - Diversity and Difference:

Migration, Cultural identity and Discrimination

Theme 4 (A2) - France 1940 - 1950

- The Occupation and Post-War years.

The course will include the study of a piece of French literary work

You will sit three external examinations:

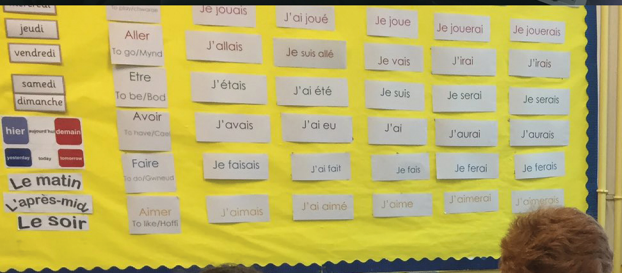
Unit 3 – an oral examination usually around Easter time which consists of an independent research project (15 minutes)

Unit 4 – a listening, reading and translation examination. (2 hours)

Unit 5 – a written exam based on the novel. (1.5 hours)

Skills which are developed and possible progression

On completion of this course you will have increased opportunities of finding employment as employers recognise the value of the transferable skills as well as linguistic skills you will have gained. If you decide to carry on to higher education you will have many options leading to a wide variety of professions in areas such as the Media, Journalism, Commerce and Industry, Law, Education, Translating and Interpreting and of course, you will also have increased opportunity to work in Europe or in other parts of the world.



"The A level French course is interesting, and focuses on much more than the language itself. The course provides an insight into life in France, focusing on music, literature, art, festivals and much more in year 12, as well as studying film. In year 13, you are required to study a book as a class that is an eye opener to life in France. A large part of the course in year 13 focuses on racial problems as well as war."

Abbie Jones

