

Why study A Level French?

French is the official language of 29 countries across five continents and it is estimated that there are approximately 300 million people who speak French either as a native or second language. Alongside English, French is a global language and therefore, students who choose to extend their French studies to A Level and beyond, will be in good company!

French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. France and French speaking countries are leaders in many technical fields such as transport aviation and telecommunications. It is also a world leader in medical research. It is also the official language of many world-wide organisations. Knowing French may allow you not only to function but to compete effectively in the global economy and could increase your job opportunities and salary potential.

The ability to speak even a little French makes travelling easier and gives easier access to some wonderful holiday destinations. Last but not least, learning French brings the pleasure of learning a beautiful, rich, melodious language; which is why French is often called the language of love.

What new skills will I learn?

As well as critical and creative thinking skills, you will acquire four key skills when studying A Level French. These are:

Speaking: Knowing how to speak French will allow you to communicate with people in many different situations and countries and will open up travel and work opportunities.

Listening: You will be able to enjoy French media including films, television programmes and podcasts. You'll also be able to understand a variety of French speakers.

Reading: You will be able to read a wide range of sources in French, from books, novels, newspapers, magazines, historical documents and internet sites.

Writing: You will have the ability to write in different styles, such as essays, articles and emails. You'll also expand and broaden your vocabulary.

Career routes with

A Level French

Universities value students who have taken a modern foreign language at A Level. A Level French also provides a good foundation for a degree in History, English, Politics, Business or Law, and can be a good combination option too.

An additional language can enhance your employability in a world which increasingly depends on global relationships. Obvious career opportunities for MFL graduates include teaching, translating and tourism, but there are plenty more such as international banking, multinational business and international organisations. Knowledge of French opens the doors of French companies in France and other French-speaking parts of the world.

French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English. Speaking French enables you to enjoy French culture and opens up opportunities to study at top-ranking French universities and business schools.

Course Outline

The course comprises four themes which explore a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries.

Theme 1: Les changements dans la société française

- Les changements dans les structures familiales
- L'éducation
- Le monde du travail
- La vie active en France et les attitudes envers le travail; le droit à la grève; l'égalité des sexes.

Theme 2: La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones

- La musique
- Les médias
- Les festivals et les traditions

Theme 3: L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française

- L'impact positif de l'immigration sur la société française
- Répondre aux défis de l'immigration et de l'intégration en France
- L'extrême droite

Theme 4: L'Occupation et la Résistance

- La France occupée
- Le régime de Vichy
- La Résistance

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Sixth Form Entry Requirements:

To study **Level 3** (academic A Level) courses students must have a minimum of at least **five** GCSEs at 9 - 4 grades (or equivalent). GCSE grade 5 or above in French.

Assessment:

Year 12: An internal examination will follow each unit.

Year 13: All external A Level assessment takes place at the end of Year 13. There are three examinations:

One contributes 40% of the overall mark

The second and third examinations each contribute 30% to the overall mark.

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Here to help ... speak to the course tutor or your form tutor

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