

Overview

Having continued to build on your reading, listening, speaking, writing and grammar expertise at GCSE level, A level French will enable you to master these skills and communicate with people across the world. Learning French at A-level not only means you will be able to converse more fluently in French but also gives you deep knowledge and understanding of the history and culture of a wide range of French-speaking countries; from our European neighbours – France, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, to Northern Africa, Canada, the Caribbean and beyond! Building on the topics studied at KS4, A level French will give you the opportunity to explore a wide range of themes and develop skills from across the A-level spectrum: sociology, media, history, politics, literature, business and more.

Awarding Organisation:
AQA

Minimum course requirements:
GCSE Grade 5+ in French (Higher Tier)

More information:
Miss L Hurst

Curriculum and assessment

TOPICS

- Aspects of French-speaking society
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in French-speaking society
- One French language text
- One French language film
- Grammar

There is also an individual research project.

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed in listening, reading and writing (as one paper), another writing paper (film/literature essay) and speaking (which includes an individual research project) at the end of Year 13.

AIMS

French A Level aims to encourage students:

- To develop the ability to comprehend French in a wide range of contexts
- To enable the student to communicate confidently and clearly in French for a variety of purposes
- To form a sound base of skills, language and attitudes required for further study, work and leisure
- To develop useful knowledge of, and insights into, past and contemporary French-speaking culture
- To encourage positive attitudes to, and a lasting appreciation of, language learning
- To further intellectual and personal development by promoting learning and social skills
- To gain valuable skills for foreign travel, further education and employment

Post 18 opportunities

As well as allowing candidates to develop their language skills, the course will foster an awareness of French culture and history. In addition to providing a secure foundation for study in higher education, the course equips candidates with a range of skills for careers in business, education and the arts.

Destinations of students in recent years:

Oxford University – French
UCL – French and Spanish

Expenses

Students will be expected to purchase their own textbook and grammar book. It is also expected that they will purchase a good quality French to English dictionary.