

**How will I be assessed?**

**Throughout the course you will be given regular assessed written, reading, speaking and listening tasks to help you develop the skills necessary for exam success.**

You will develop knowledge and understanding of aspects of the French society, culture and history of France and countries where French is spoken. You will learn to respond critically and analyse these aspects of culture and society.

You will apply your knowledge of pronunciation, vocabulary and be assessed on grammar to communicate accurately and coherently, using a range of expressions. You will learn to translate unseen sentences and passages from French into English and from English into French, to write essays and you will be asked to investigate a particular area of interest (independent research project) which will be assessed in the Speaking component of the second year.

**AS Standalone**

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| Paper 1 | Listening, Reading and Writing | 1 hr 45 min | 45% |
| Paper 2 | Essay & Translation | 1 hr 30 min | 25% |
| Paper 3 | Speaking, 15 min preparation | 12-14 min | 30% |

**A Level Linear (2 years)**

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| Paper 1 | Listening, Reading & Translation | 2 hr 30 min | 50% |
| Paper 2 | Essays | 2 hrs | 20% |
| Paper 3 | Speaking, 5 min preparation | 21-23 min | 30% |

**Throw yourself into the course and enjoy it! Your knowledge of French will shape your future and benefit you for years to come.**



**FRENCH** AS/A Level

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What sort of work will I be doing?

You will engage in a wide range of activities in lessons, ensuring a suitable balance between the different skills. You will learn to translate unseen passages and to exchange opinions, debate and present work in front of others.

You will benefit greatly from these if you are prepared to take part and even make mistakes. Involvement builds confidence, which is one of the most important ingredients for success in a foreign language.

We know that you will come to us with different levels of knowledge of French therefore there is no need to worry as the course will be differentiated.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in GCSE French is the minimum required.

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Are you passionate about learning French and French culture? Do you want to be able to speak fluently and write accurately by the end of your course?

If you are looking for a future using communication skills, interpersonal skills, problem-solving, team-work, organisational skills and independence, as well as excellent job prospects, then a modern language is for you. Languages are a personal skill and as such are an enriching experience with plenty of added value.

At Advanced Subsidiary Level (One year course) you will learn more about the French Speaking world looking at artistic culture such as music and its impact on pop culture, cinema and tourism. You will also cover the recent changes in family structure, cyber-society as well as the place of voluntary work in the French Speaking world. Added to this you will have the opportunity to study a French film.

At A Level you will cover the same themes as the Advanced Subsidiary level but in more details in your first year and in your second year you will develop ‘*un œil critique’* on some more complex issues including multiculturalism, immigration and the prison system in the ‘Francophonie’. The study of a French book will complete your course.

You will also study a French film director and a French author or two literature elements. You will also carry an independent research project to form the majority of the Speaking exam.

Is studying Sociology, Politics, History or Film studies in French appealing to you? This course does touch many of these subjects.

What is the department like?

We are a well-resourced department with access to computers and tablets to assist in language learning. The staff are linguists and French native speakers. Each week you will improve your spoken French with an extra 40 minute session in a small group.

There are typically around 80 students across the two year groups and the vast majority of them achieve a good pass grade.

We offer the opportunity to take part in a very popular residential one week trip to a château in Normandy in the first year and a week of work experience near Lille for the second year.

We work

hard and enjoy

what we do

and hope that

you will too.

What are the progression routes for this qualification?

Knowing a language puts you in a strong position in the job market. Language study contributes to a broad general education and gives you invaluable practical and transferable skills for the future. You may choose to specialise in French at university or combine your language with other subjects such as Engineering, History, Media and Journalism, Management and Business Studies, Teaching, Fashion Design, Travel and Hospitality Management, Accountancy, European Studies, or International or European Law or even Medicine.

A qualification in AS or A Level French is very highly regarded by universities due to the huge range of study skills that students acquire during their course; for example it develops critical and analytical thinking, good communication skills and improves grammatical awareness. Such meticulousness strongly enhances students’ future work be it at University or in a professional capacity.

What is the course about?