



A Level French

Is French the subject for you?

Oui, bien sûr!.....if you enjoy learning languages, traveling and meeting people from different places, and learning about a different way of life. You will be learning advanced vocabulary and grammar to give you freedom to express yourself when speaking and writing in French. There will be plenty of opportunities to have debates about different issues in the news; we will be reading French newspapers, watching the French news etc. By the end of the two year course you will be able to communicate fluently in French.

Course content

This course has been designed to give you a profound understanding of French. Not only will you know more about the mechanics of the language – like grammar and vocabulary – but also about how the people live and use language on a day to day basis.

Methods of study

We will combine the use of a text book, Edexcel French for A Level, with many other resources such as newspaper articles, website articles, videos, French songs, films, books, etc. To develop your linguistic skills lessons will be conducted in French and you are expected to contribute and participate by speaking in French to your peers and teachers. Students are expected to do independent study every week which should be recorded and signed by your teacher. This could be through activities such as revision and exam practice, listening to French audio extracts, reading a French book or magazine, watching a film, researching on a website, etc. You will also have opportunities to enrich your studies further by participating in or leading extra-curricular MFL activities in the whole school, and taking part in trips and outings relevant to French language, culture and society.

How will it be examined?

AS qualification will not count towards the final grade of an A Level and be a separate qualification in its own right (Linear).

Career opportunities

Apart from being beneficial at a personal level, your A level in French can help with quite a few career paths. For those who want to specialise in language, there's teaching, translation and interpreting. Or maybe you want to work in the travel and tourism industry. But even as, say, an engineer or designer, being proficient in a language will give you broader career options. Students find that languages are a natural fit for many subjects, enabling them to use their skills and qualifications to apply to university and access career opportunities at home and abroad. Travel – so the saying goes – broadens your mind; and never more so than when you can speak the language. That way you'll be able to find out what the local people are thinking, how they live... and how their culture really works.