

French

A French course in our Sixth form is clearly important for those who want to specialise in languages, but is also an ideal component to both humanities and science courses. The AS and A2 courses will provide pupils with the necessary confidence to tackle the wide range of university courses with a foreign language element.

Course Outline

AS Level Changes in the French society (family structures, education, the world of work)

Culture in the French-speaking world (music, media, festivals and traditions)

Film: ***Intouchables***

A Level Immigration and multicultural society (positive impact of immigration in France, challenges of immigration and integration in France, far right)

Occupation and resistance (occupied France, the Vichy regime, the resistance)

Literature: ***Un sac de billes***

Independent research project

Assessment

3 papers at AS and 3 papers at A2:

Paper 1 – Listening, reading and translation into English (1 hour 45 at AS 2 hours at A2)

Paper 2 – Translation into French and written response to works (film at AS and film & book at A2) (1 hour 40 at AS 2 hours 40 at A2)

Paper 3 is a speaking test – AS (15 minutes): reading and response to 2 short texts and wider discussion & discussion on AS themes. A2 (20 minutes): discussion of a stimulus card followed by a general discussion on the theme & presentation and discussion on the independent research project.



Career Progression

Nearly all British Universities offer first degree courses in French, and under the ERASMUS scheme more and more students of any discipline are encouraged to spend part of their degree studying at other European Universities. Many universities also offer a combination of French and other subjects, such as Economics, Business Studies, Law, Management, Marketing, Politics, as well as the Sciences.

Complementary Subjects

French AS/ A Level with Physics, Chemistry and Maths could well lead to an engineering course which frequently involves a language element because of the international nature of the work. Or it might lead to an International Law degree.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in French GCSE and in English GCSE

What our Students say: