

# French

Studying French at A Level is not just about the language – it is a rewarding course which combines a high level of linguistic knowledge with fascinating cultural themes. By studying French, you will increase your fluency and have the chance to explore Francophone culture in depth, as well as studying a book and a film.

## Course Outline

### Year 12

**Theme 1:** Changes in French society (family structures, education, the world of work)

**Theme 2:** Culture in the French-speaking world (music, media, festivals and traditions)

**Film:** *Intouchables*

### Year 13

**Theme 3:** Immigration and multicultural society (positive impact of immigration in France, challenges of immigration and integration in France, the far right)

**Theme 4:** Occupation and resistance (occupied France, the Vichy regime, the resistance)

**Literature:** *No et moi*

**Independent research project**

## Assessment

3 papers:

**Paper 1** – Listening, reading and translation into English (2 hours)

**Paper 2** – Translation into French and written response to works (film & book) (2 hours 40)

**Paper 3** – Speaking test (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

All employers want to see foreign language skills, and so French A Level will make you stand out from the crowd. At university, you could study French on its own, with another language from scratch, or combined with a different subject (such as law, business, or history). Regardless of the degree you chose, an A Level in a foreign language will enable you to take part in university exchanges abroad, such as the ERASMUS scheme.

## Complementary Subjects

French A Level combines well with any subject, and is considered a 'facilitating subject' by top universities. If you are focussing on the sciences, French will provide a complementary international dimension, and allow you to stand out with your language skills. French also combines well with any humanities subject, and you will find that the cultural topics often overlap with history, sociology and politics.

## Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in French GCSE and in English GCSE

*What our Students say:*

*The French A level course fascinates me as it develops my knowledge of the culture. I am learning about French movies, music, festivals, tradition etc. This has only increased my love for the language.*

*Yash – Class of 2019*