

“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way” – Frank Smith

Specification: AQA

If you are interested in languages and Francophone culture across the world, then French is an excellent choice for you! Learning a language develops many key skills such as communication, resilience and adaptability.

Studying French at A level will build on the foundations at GCSE to give you the confidence to speak and write French to a high level you will also become confident in dealing with language in its written and spoken form from a variety of authentic sources, allowing you to reach your full potential as a linguist. Not only this, but studying French also encourages empathy, tolerance and an appreciation of global Francophone culture.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Theme 1: Social issues and trends

- La “cyber-société”
- La famille en voie de changement
- Le rôle du bénévolat
- Les aspects positifs d’une société diverse
- Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?
- Comment on traite les criminels ?
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Theme 2: Political and artistic culture

- Une culture fière de son patrimoine
- La musique francophone contemporaine
- Cinéma: le septième art
- Les ados, le droit de vote et l’engagement politique
- Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir ?
- La politique et l’immigration

Theme 3: Grammar

Theme 4: Literary texts and films

EXAM ASSESSMENT



Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing.

- 2 hours 30 minutes
- 100 marks
- Listening for gist and details, one question will require a summary
- Reading and responding to stimulus texts (also one summary)
- Translation of at least 100 words from French to English
- Translation of at least 100 words from English to French

Paper 2: Writing

- 2 hours
- 80 marks
- A choice of essay questions to answer
- One essay on each literary text or film.
- Approx 300 words per essay but there is no limit
- No dictionaries or copies of the texts are allowed

Paper 3: Speaking

- 21 - 23 minutes including 5 minutes supervised preparation time.
- Part 1 (5-6 minutes) – discussion of a theme based on a stimulus card (choice of two)
- Part 2 – Individual research project completed by the student. Two minute presentation followed by a 9-10 minute discussion. This research project can be on any topic chosen by the student, linked with any aspect of Francophone countries or culture.

ENRICHMENT:

Trip to Geneva (numbers permitting)

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