

# French

## What will I need before taking this course?

A Grade 7 or above in GCSE French. Candidates who obtain a Grade 6 may be considered depending on their performance in the listening and speaking components of the GCSE exam.

## Assessment and Grading

### **Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing**

What's assessed:

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Grammar

How it's assessed:

2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

50% of A Level

### **Paper 2: Writing**

What's assessed:

- One text and one film
- Grammar

How it's assessed: 2 hours

80 marks in total

20% of A Level

### **Paper 3: Speaking**

What's assessed:

Individual research project

- One of four themes (ie Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world, Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world).

How it's assessed: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)

60 marks in total

30% of A Level

## How will I learn?

Students are expected to follow an independent listening and reading programme that complements the work covered in lessons. All areas of French grammar are covered from scratch and students regularly watch and analyse the French news. In Year 12, students are encouraged to take part in the one week work experience programme in France. Students have found this element of the course very beneficial.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

Students studying a language at A level are among the most employable. (Unemployment rate is 5.4%). Future jobs include teaching, translation, interpreting, engineering, travel and tourism, business and marketing but with a language all career paths are open.

There will be a range of opportunities open to you, where you can continue to use and further develop your language skills and knowledge of contemporary society. However, you may just use all the invaluable skills learnt through learning another language such as widening your general knowledge, the ability to discuss topical issues, memory and communication skills amongst others.

## What will I learn?

Topics studied include:

- Social Issues and Trends
- Political and Artistic Culture

Students will study one literary text and one film.

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