



French



'A' level 7652

FRENCH 'A' LEVEL

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Why should I study French?

An A Level in a modern foreign language is highly sought after. By studying French at a higher level, you will gain a deeper understanding and knowledge of the French language, an insight into French culture and society and this course will also provide you with a sound basis for further study. Being able to communicate in another language is a vital skill which will not only enhance your employment prospects but will also facilitate foreign travel. The course covers many contemporary issues that are relevant to young people today:

In Y12 Current trends and artistic culture in a French-speaking society

- The changing nature of family / the cyber society / the place of voluntary work
- A culture proud of its heritage / contemporary francophone music / cinema
- A detailed study of a French film ('Au revoir les enfants')

In Y13 Current issues and aspects of political life in a French-speaking society

- Positive features of a diverse society / life for the marginalised / criminality
- Teenagers and the right to vote / demonstrations and strikes / politics and immigration
- A detailed study of a French text ('Boule de Suif - Guy De Maupassant)
- An independent research project on an aspect of a French-speaking society, chosen by the student

What skills can I gain from studying French?

Through studying 'A' level French, you will build on the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills gained at GCSE. You will improve your translation skills from French into English and vice versa, you will develop a complex knowledge of grammar. Students have the opportunity to put their speaking skills to practical use

through participation in an exchange visit or by undertaking work experience abroad.

What career paths would French be suitable for?

A foreign language qualification is highly valued by employers and university admissions tutors. Not only is it essential for the more obvious career choices: translating, interpreting, teaching, travel and tourism; but a foreign language can also compliment studies in law, journalism, technology, business and commerce. Obviously it opens opportunities to work in France and other French-speaking countries.

Subject Combinations

Business / English / Geography / History / ICT / Law

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