

French

Speaking a foreign language is, and has always been, an invaluable skill. Studying a language at A Level will not only greatly increase your linguistic skills and cultural awareness but will also offer you excellent employability prospects.

This course aims to help students to develop a real passion for languages, increase their knowledge of the nature and diversity of different cultures and provide them with the knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and employment.

The focus is on perfecting communication at a higher level in French and developing the four key language skills; reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students will also have an opportunity to immerse themselves in the society, artistic culture, and political life of the languages they are studying, further developing their passion and love for the language.



COURSE CONTENT

Reading:

You will be able to read, understand and extract information from written passages that are taken from authentic sources, such as literary works, magazines and newspapers.

Listening:

You will be able to listen to and understand contemporary spoken language and answer questions about what you have heard. The passages that you will learn to listen to will be taken from a range of sources, such as news reports on the radio or TV, advertisements, announcements, interviews and discussions.

Speaking and Writing:

You will learn how to write essays or longer pieces and to hold conversations and discussions. You will learn all the appropriate grammar, words and phrases that will help you to:

- present information in the target language
- provide opinions
- organise your arguments
- analyse your ideas

SKILLS REQUIRED

GCSE Grade 8 or above is required in the language you choose to study. The course will build upon the knowledge and language skills you have acquired at GCSE and will give you the tools and confidence to use language in a variety of situations.

ASSESSMENT

All course content is examined at the end of the two-year course. Each language will broadly follow a similar assessment structure but may differ in weighting and times.

Paper 1:

Listening, Reading, Summarising & Translation Exercises. 2 hours 30 minutes. 50% of final marks (Spanish: 2 hours, 40%)

Paper 2:

Writing Exam. One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification. 2 hours. 20% of final marks

Oral Exam:

21-23 minutes. 30% of final marks

ENRICHMENT

The department runs speaking clubs for all three languages to develop fluency and pronunciation. Sixth Formers support Prep School language lessons as well as being involved in European Week of Languages. There are a variety of study trips and exchanges to France, Spain and Germany. Students have the opportunity to enter a number of translation competitions.

EXAM BOARD

FRENCH AQA 7652

FUTURE PATHWAYS

In today's globalised world, languages play a vital role, opening up an array of opportunities in the UK and abroad in business, politics, finance, journalism and more, where fluency in a foreign language is increasingly valued.

This course supports applications for those wishing to study languages or a wide range of other subjects at university and is considered a preferred subject by many Russell Group universities. Studying languages at this level and beyond will provide students with many transferable skills which offer excellent employment prospects.



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