French A Level

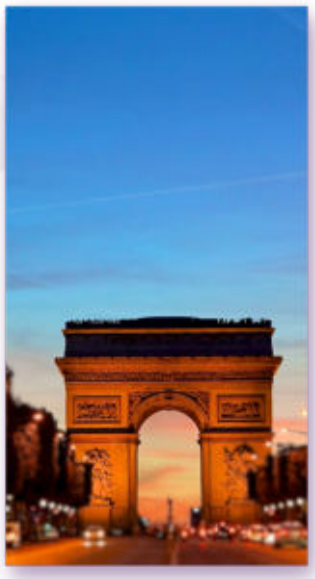
THE lifelong rewards to be gained from learning a modern foreign language are phenomenal and a skill which can be easily built on and honed in this age of communication. Whether in your professional life, in higher education or for practical purposes (holidays etc.), the skill will stand you in good stead.

What will you study?
This A Level is a two year option with all of your formal assessments taking place at the end of the second year across 3 exams:
Paper 1 - Listening, reading & writing. (50%)
Paper 2 - Writing (20%)
Paper 3 - Speaking (30%)

CORE CONTENT
You will cover a variety of topics surrounding the social, political & artistic trends of the French-speaking world as well as more in-depth French language and grammar.

1 Social issues and trends

- **Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends**
  La famille en voie de changement, La « cyber-société » et Le rôle du bénévolat
- **Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues**
  Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse, Quelle vie pour les marginalisés?
  Comment on traite les criminels?



2 Political and artistic culture

- **Artistic culture in the French-speaking world**
  Une culture fière de son patrimoine culturel, La musique francophone contemporaine,
  Cinéma – le septième art
- **Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world**
  Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique, Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir?
  La politique et l'immigration

3 Grammar

4 Works: one French literary text and one French film.

5 Individual Research Project: Research & present, in French, a project on an area of personal interest relating to a country or countries where French is spoken.

Where could this take you?
Language skills can lead directly into a career in translating, interpreting or teaching, but are also hugely in demand in areas such as hospitality, law, publishing and business services. Many big employers are multinational organisations and are keen to recruit candidates who are willing to work overseas and can liaise effectively with international colleagues. Studying modern languages is likely to develop interpersonal and communication skills that graduate recruiters value, as well as other key strengths. This course will also enable you to progress onto a degree course in French or related studies.

Entry Requirements

- GCSE grade 6 or above in French (including English Literature and Maths)