

French

Examination Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements:

Minimum of Grade B in French at GCSE level and an interest in French life and culture.

Why study French?

- Meet people from different countries and find out more about them
- Learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, be confident about speaking in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently
- Develop critical thinking, creativity and independence
- Discuss interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- Learn more about the countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it
- Read books and watch films in their original language
- Spend time abroad (e.g. at university or on a work placement)
- People with language skills and knowledge stand out
- Find it easier to learn other languages later on
- Add a useful skill if your main subjects are not languages: languages support careers in areas including management, business science and tourism

Course Content:

A-Level French helps you explore a wide range of topics, which will add to your understanding of the language and country. Topics are: evolving society in France; political and artistic culture in France; immigration and multi-culturalism in France; the Occupation and Resistance. You will also study a book and/or a film and be able to use more complex grammar and more vocabulary.

Assessment:

Paper 1

Listening, reading and translation.

Listening

Questions on a variety of recordings.

Reading

Questions on a variety of written passages

Translation from French to English

Paper 2

Written response to works, grammar and translation

You will write about two books or one book and one film you have studied. There is also a translation of a passage from English into French.

Paper 3

Speaking
You will discuss a stimulus card you have been given. You will have 5 minutes to prepare for this. You will also give a presentation on an independent research project you will have conducted on a topic of your choice.

Further Course Information:

Visit the Edexcel website <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/french-2016.html>

See Ms Bouamama, Mr Aquino or Miss Boyt

Future Uses:

Add an international dimension to your personal skills profile, which is something many employers and higher education providers want.