

# French

**Qualification:** A-Level French  
**Additional Entry Information:** GCSE English Language B  
GCSE French B

Speak to **Madame S Rose** for more information.

## What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?

Lessons will involve using previous linguistic knowledge and skills. Students must be ready to offer their points of view on topical issues.

## What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?

French A Level provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for learners to build on their previous study of French. It also encourages learners to develop their linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of the countries or communities where the language is spoken, through social, intellectual and cultural themes such as

### AS

- Being a young person in French speaking society. Trends, values and opportunities
- Understanding the French speaking world through regional culture and heritage, including literature, films, music and art.

### A Level

- Diversity and difference, including migration, integration and celebrating difference.
- France 1940-50 The occupation and the post-war years, looking at life in occupied France and the cultural development.

The course gives an opportunity to study literature and film and allow learners to undertake a deeper analysis of language structures and increase their cultural awareness.

It also requires research on an area of personal interest related to countries where the language of study is spoken with the aim to enhance learners' cultural appreciation and gain a greater awareness of intercultural differences.

## What sort of student is this course suitable for?

Anyone interested in taking languages to a higher level. Suitable for students who want to gain increasing confidence with their spoken and written French

## What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?

Independent study and research. Grammar revision. Preparation of texts for lessons. Oral sessions with language assistant.



## **What is the course content and how is this assessed?**

### AS

#### Unit 1: Speaking

Non-exam assessment: 12-15 minutes- 12% of qualification

#### Unit 2: Listening, reading and translation

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes - 15% of qualification

### A2

#### Unit 3: Speaking

Non-exam assessment: 11-12 minutes - 18% of qualification

The speaking assessment will last 11-12 minutes in total and comprises one task.

#### Unit 4: Listening, reading and translation

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes 23% of qualification

#### Unit 5: Critical and analytical response in writing (closed-book)

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes - 12% of qualification

Candidates will complete one task on the literary work studied:

Task – Produce a critical and analytical response in writing, in approximately 400 words, to a question on the literary work studied taken from the prescribed list.

Candidates will have a choice of two questions.

Learners are not permitted to use dictionaries or texts in any part of the assessment.

## **What could students go on to do at the end of this course?**

French and Business. French and English. French and Law. French and another language ab initio.

- Foreign Office
- Teaching
- Medicine
- Translation
- Management
- Sales
- Avionics
- Engineering

