



SIXTH FORM

# French

## **WHY CHOOSE FRENCH?**

As communications systems become more and more sophisticated, many employers, in a diverse range of professions, seek employees with more than a basic grasp of a foreign language. The in-depth study of a foreign language broadens your horizons, both culturally and professionally. Could you ... translate that fax from Paris? ... greet that client from Marseille? ... chat to a friend or visitor in his or her language?

You will find AS/A Level French challenging and rewarding. We continue to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing by studying a range of stimulating topics; these can include, the media, advertising and the role of leisure, though we start with topics which are more familiar from GCSE. The materials studied will come from newspapers, magazines, TV and radio broadcasts. The AS/A Level course will incorporate our language software and there will be the opportunity to make extensive use of our Internet and ICT facilities.

## **HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?**

The emphasis of the courses is on participation, with much discussion on topical issues including those taking place in French. By the end of the course students achieve a high level of oral and written proficiency in the foreign language.

Some students choose to continue their Language studies beyond A Level by following a degree course at university in one or more languages, often beginning an additional language from scratch. In addition, there are many degree courses of which a language can form a part, for example languages with Law, Management & Business Studies, Engineering or Economics. Most Language Degree Courses offer the opportunity to work or study abroad.

AS/A Levels in Languages is also a valuable qualification for many careers. Whilst success in Languages is obviously of value in the Hotel & Tourism Industry for example, recent newspaper advertisements have requested language qualifications for jobs in fields as wide ranging as Engineering and Marketing and Sales. Many colleges offer Bilingual Secretarial courses to students with A Levels in one or more language.

## **WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?**

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A\*-C. You will need a pass in GCSE at grade A\* to B in French. A willingness to take part in class discussion would be an advantage.

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## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

You will develop your understanding of spoken and written forms of French. You will be encouraged to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in speech and in writing. You will also develop insights into French society and culture. The following topics will be covered:

**Media:** television, advertising and communication technology.

**Popular Culture:** cinema, music and fashion/trends.

**Healthy Living/Lifetsyle:** sport/exercise, health and well-being and holidays.

**Family/Relationships:** relationships within the family, friendships, marriage and partnerships.

## HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

Unit 2: Speaking

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

You will continue to learn about France and to develop your ability to communicate effectively in speech and in writing, as well as improving your comprehension skills. The following topics will be covered:

**Environment:** pollution, energy, protecting the planet.

**The Multinational Society:** immigration, integration and racism.

**Contemporary Social issues:** wealth and poverty, law and order, impact of scientific and technological; progress.

**Cultural Topics:** a target language-speaking region/community, a novelist from a target language-speaking country/community.

## HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 3: Listening, Reading and Writing

Unit 4: Speaking

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 5 hours per week

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week

