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Why French?

We live in a globalised world; French is spoken by 125 million people. A second language can open up opportunities for travel, careers and academic life. The British Council sees France as a big asset to UK companies and with post-Brexit it will grow in importance.

This course is a radical and exciting departure from the GCSE with more independent study and research and a more rigorous approach to grammar. Reading of French newspapers and visiting French speaking countries is encouraged. There are four main themes:

1. Aspects of French Society
2. Artistic culture in the French World
3. Multiculturalism in the French World
4. Aspects of Political Life in the French World

You will also study and critically appreciate in writing two works, one must be literary and the other may be a film.

Residential Trip

It is likely you will spend time in a French speaking country on an educational visit or exchange.

Assessment

- 50% - Paper 1 - Listening
- 20% - Paper 2 - Writing on the set text and film
- 30% - Paper 3 - Speaking

Recommended Reading

Tartuffe de Molière or Bonjour Tristesse de Françoise Sagan

AQA A level French Year 1 and AS Grammar and Translation workbook OUP, by S Harrison

Film: Un long dimanche de fiançailles de Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)

<https://www.tv5monde.com>

Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 6 GCSE French

Interest in the culture and way of life in the countries where French is spoken.

Future Pathways

University degrees in French complement subjects such as Drama, Business, Economics, History, Philosophy, Geography, European Studies, Law, English and so on.

Apprenticeships and careers as a translator, interpreter, writer or in large multinational gold and petroleum companies in French speaking countries in West Africa.

Complementary A Levels

Drama, History, Music, Philosophy Ethics & Religion, Psychology.

Extra & Super Curricular

Develop conversational skills and your independent research project with weekly meetings with our languages assistant.
Trips to The Little Theatre to see French films.
Support in finding a placement in France if you wish.

“Continued study of a language post 16 is a huge asset to any university, apprenticeship or job application.”

Miss Butler