

French A Level

Subject Leader: Mr Foster-Nye

Syllabus: AQA

Course Specification: 7652

Course Overview

The course covers the development of francophone culture, literature, and cinema, focusing particularly on recent changes in family and youth life, the media, and the impact of immigration. Throughout their studies, students will learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries.

Course Requirement

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 5 including English and Maths at grade 5. Grade 6 in French required.

Year 1

Students study the changing nature of French society, including families, art and music and media as well as the film *La Haine*.

Year 2

In the second year, further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on issues such as life for those on the margins of French-speaking society as well as looking at the positive influences that diversity brings. Students will also study the relationship between France and Algeria, as well as the theory of the absurd through the study of Albert Camus' novel 'L'Étranger'.

Teaching and Learning styles

Students will develop the skills in listening, reading, speaking, and writing using a range of audio, literary and video resources.

In addition, there will be regular grammar sessions (both explicit and in context of current topics).

Independent Study

Students will be required to undertake 6 hours per week of independent study to support class learning: this will be logged in their student folders and regularly checked.

Assessment Information

The assessment is formed of three papers:

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

Written exam

50% of A-level

Paper 2: Response to texts and translation

Written exam

20% of A-level

Paper 3: Speaking

Oral exam

30% of A-level

Future Pathways

French has been identified by the Russell Group of top universities as a facilitating subject, meaning that it prepares students for the most challenging academic study. In turn, high level academic qualifications give the most choice in the job market. Many employers value the ability to speak and communicate in a foreign language – a skill that is becoming ever rarer.

