



FRENCH

Course Information

The course explores and develops understanding of the modern day society of France and its cultural heritage. Students learn to respond to authentic texts and recordings and to speak fluently in a range of situations. They are taught to express facts and ideas and to present explanations, opinions and information both in speech and writing, as well as translating both from and into French. Grammar is an essential part of the lessons. There will be opportunities for students to travel to, or even complete a work experience in, a French speaking country.

Topics are diverse and enable students to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of the countries where French is spoken. Areas of Study are Stereotypes, Equality and Gender; Modern World Issues and Artistic Culture; Law and Order; Medical and Ethical Issues and Political Culture. Students will also study a set book and film.

Assessment:

Component 01: Listening Reading and Writing (including translation into English)

Component 02: Writing (including translation into French and a written response to a book and a film)

Component 03: Speaking (including discussion and a research project)

Entry Requirements

In order to access the study a foreign language at this level students need to have sat the Higher Tier papers at GCSE and to have gained a grade 6+. A genuine interest in the French Language and the culture of French speaking countries is essential, as is enthusiasm for speaking the language.

Career Pathway

Jobs directly related to your degree include: interpreter, teacher and translator. However, having a qualification in a foreign language will increase your employability in many sectors and can increase your salary by up to 20%. Multinational companies want multilingual recruits, so developing your language learning in the sixth form proves to potential employers that you've got what it takes ... whichever language you may need in your career. The attributes you will develop, including analytical skills, communication skills and intercultural awareness will help you stand out from the crowd in an increasingly difficult employment market.

Student destinations

An A level in French could lead to a degree course in French, but will open the door to other exciting course options as well. With one foreign language under your belt universities often offer the chance to combine it with a new language you haven't studied before. You can also do a combined degree with a completely different subject or just take one language module alongside your main subject. In addition, many courses in a wide range of disciplines offer the opportunity for a period of study or work experience abroad for those with language skills.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Ms R Coleman – Head of Department