

French

Subject Leader: Miss G. Bruce

Exam Board: AQA

A Level

To learn a foreign language is to immerse yourself into a new world, a new way of seeing things. It is a skill much like what you learn from any other subject- be it science or maths or history- and therefore it should be just as respected. To learn a foreign language is to bring yourself closer to humanity and our history. It is a vessel to success, an exquisite painting of culture, a key to open opportunities. Have only one language and cut your job prospects in half.

At A-level, students greatly develop their awareness of culture and society of France and French-speaking countries. Over the two years, all students are actively encouraged to develop their listening and reading skills through the use of the media, including interactive web resources.

In Year 12 the topics include: Aspects of French-speaking society, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world and Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world, as well as Literature.

In Year 13 the students study topics such as Social issues and trends and Political and artistic culture. Students also study Literature.

Method of Assessment:

- Paper 1 is a Listening, Reading and Writing paper
- Paper 2 is a Writing paper
- Paper 3 is Speaking

Students need to buy a textbook and grammar book.

Languages complement many subjects at university and the skills learnt through languages are easily transferable: communication, thinking and analytical skills to name but a few.

Ludwig Wittgenstein: “The limits of my language are the limits of my world.”