

French

Why choose French?

French offers you the chance to enhance your language skills, learn about the culture and society of the French-speaking world and also enhance your career prospects.

The value of a qualification in languages in terms of employment can never be underestimated and obviously this is a major reason why students choose them. However, the actual studying itself can be very rewarding as students see their skills improve and develop as the course progresses. Most students actually come to enjoy the work they are doing. Languages also seem to fit with virtually every other subject combination.

What can I expect to learn?

You will continue to develop the GCSE skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing at a higher level, which will involve expressing opinions, translating, analysing and evaluating.

You will follow the AQA syllabus and will cover a variety of topics such as:

- The changing nature of family
- 'Cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work
- Contemporary francophone music
- French cinema
- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalized
- How criminals are treated
- Teenagers and politics
- Demonstrations and strikes
- Politics and Immigration

Where does this course lead?

You may choose to study French on its own or as part of a combined degree with another subject, such as Law or Business Studies. Many dual linguists will pursue a joint languages degree at university. You should be aware that the vast majority of employers will accept students with a French degree onto their graduate training schemes, whether or not the work itself directly involves foreign language skills. A high proportion of our students choose to study French in order to work in a wide variety of careers such as journalism, management, law and teaching.

Entry requirements:

Ideally you should have a grade 7 or above in GCSE French however this may be negotiated with the Subject Leader.

