

A Level

FRENCH

Course Overview

In this course you learn to speak French confidently and understand much about French-speaking culture. With a second European language you stand out from the crowd. Universities and employers appreciate that this is a challenging course and value your commitment to it.

Teaching Methods

Classroom activities will include: Presentation and classroom discussion of the various topic areas; teaching of grammar with classroom practice in grammar books provided; online and text book practice of listening and reading materials; watching and discussing the film we study for this course.

Course Components

Aspects of French society, artistic life and politics that we study include: The family / the cyber-society / a diverse society / life for the marginalised / voluntary work / francophone music and cinema / teenagers and politics / politics and immigration. A French film (La Haine) and a novel (Kiffe Kiffe Demain) are also studied in detail.

Assessment

Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills will all be examined. The writing sections include translation skills and essay writing.

Coursework

There is no coursework element to this course. All is examined in the three end-of-course exams. However, the speaking test includes examination of a culturally appropriate topic, chosen and prepared by the student during their second year.

Course Activities

As part of our course, each student is given time each week to practice speaking French with our native speaking French assistant. There may also be a day visit to a University French department.

Course Outline

Three exams at end of year 2:
1) Listening, Reading, Writing - 50%
2) Writing (2 essays) - 20%
3) Speaking - 30%

Exam Board

AQA

Entry Requirements

You need to have a minimum of five GCSEs, two at grade 6 and 3 at grade 4. A grade 7 in GCSE French is also needed.

Student Testimonial



"I have studied French for five years and throughout these years the feeling of confidence I now have in my French communication skills is priceless"

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