



A-Level French

Did you know...?

- France is the most visited country in the world, with over 83 million international tourists visiting the country in 2015
- Over 250 million people in 53 countries on every continent speak French.
- French is the official language of:
 - The International Red Cross
 - The United Nations
 - The Olympic Committee
 - The European Union
- France is one of the world leaders in medical research, including research into artificial insemination and cancer treatment. It is also the first country to perform a face transplant in 2005

Why study languages?

✓ Get an excellent foundation for further study and equip yourself with excellent communication skills

✓ Students will be handling mature current affairs topics and engaging in key discussions and debates in French

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✓ Travelling opportunities are more worthwhile. With A level French, you learn more about the customs and cultures of French-speaking countries, allowing you to embrace more positive experiences if you go travelling.

✓ According to Adzuna – a jobs search engine – French is the 3rd highest paid language in London – averaging at £32,646 per year.

✓ A level French compliments any career choice.

What will I study?

Social Issues and trends:

- ✓ The changing nature of family (La famille en voie de changement)
- ✓ The 'cyber-society' (La « cyber-société »)
- ✓ The place of voluntary work (Le rôle du bénévolat)
- ✓ Positive features of a diverse society (Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse)
- ✓ Life for the marginalised (Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?)

Political and Artistic Culture in French-speaking countries: Part 2

- ✓ Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment (Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique) Pour ou contre le droit de vote ?
- ✓ Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? (manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir ?)
- ✓ Politics and immigration (La politique et l'immigration)

Political and Artistic Culture in French-speaking countries: Part 1

- ✓ A culture proud of its heritage (Une culture fière de son patrimoine)
- ✓ Contemporary francophone music (La musique francophone contemporaine)
- ✓ Cinema: the 7th art form (Cinéma : le septième art)

Grammar

A recap on structures that were studied at GCSE, along with new structures for A level.

In class

Classwork, discussions, research project, one book, one film

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 Listening, Reading & Writing <i>Includes translation</i>	50% 2h30
Unit 2 Writing <i>2 essays: 1 on literature & 1 on film</i>	20% 2h00
Unit 3 Speaking <i>1 discussion topic</i> <i>Individual Research Project & discussion</i>	30% 30 mins approx

Will I be fluent?

- What you put in, is what you get out.
- You will be extremely competent in French
- Go onto websites to obtain authentic and engaging materials
 - BBC.com/afrique
 - Lyricstraining.com
 - Watch Total Wipeout in French
 - languagesonline.org