

French A Level Edexcel

French A Level is an exam-based qualification that allows students to gain written, spoken, reading and listening fluency in French, as well as developing an understanding of French-speaking countries' cultures. It involves an independent research project that allows students to pursue their own interests.

Course Structure

You will study the following topics in French A Level:

- Changes in French society
- Political and artistic culture in French-speaking countries
- Immigration and multicultural French society
- France during WWII: occupation and resistance
- Viewing and analysis of the French film, *Intouchables*
- Reading and analysis of the French novel, *Le gone du Chaâba*

Skills & Knowledge

You acquire a detailed knowledge of French culture and an understanding of French history. You develop fluency in the language through cultural studies, analysing modern cinematic and literary texts and reading French news articles, as well as using a French textbook. You also improve your spoken language ability by undertaking independent research and participating actively in classes. Moreover, you can develop strong translation skills by practicing translation into and out of French.

Assessment

The exam consists of three papers

- Paper 1 – Listening, reading and a translation to English (40%)
- Paper 2 – Written response to works and translation to French (30%)
- Paper 3 – Speaking exam, based on their independent research project

Opportunities & Enrichment

Students can take advantage of the range of French literature and films available in the William Morris Library. There may also be opportunities to visit relevant exhibitions on French culture in London.

Future Careers & Pathways

Studying French can lead to exciting career opportunities in the UK and abroad. French graduates often work as translators, interpreters and teachers. They may also find employment in French speaking countries, combining their English and French skills to work in professions like publishing, journalism and business. French is the fifth most spoken language in the world and so students will be able to communicate with members of French-speaking countries in America, Africa and Europe.

Knowledge of foreign languages also provides learners with transferrable skills such as strong communication ability, writing skills and verbal reasoning, all of which are highly valued by employers.