

French

at MSJ Sixth Form



A Level French will give you skills prized by employers and the chance to gain deep knowledge of one of the world's most influential cultures along the way.

Among the many benefits, this course is designed to help you to develop your linguistic skills as well as gaining an insight into various aspects of society where French is spoken; ranging from music and cinema to current issues and politics.

This course offers an exciting opportunity to study a film and a literary text in more depth, allowing you to discover not only French film directors and authors, but also to develop your understanding of French society and history. The approach is a focus on how French speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change. A most valuable foundation for your university course.

TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY NEED A MINIMUM OF:

GCSE French 7

Interest in French culture

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

In the first year of the course, aspects of French speaking society: current trends such as the changing nature of family and the place of voluntary work are studied, together with the artistic culture in the French-speaking world. Topics such as the contemporary francophone music and cinema will be covered. Lessons will also be dedicated to a study of a film.

In the second year of the course, current issues in the French speaking world such as positive features of a diverse society are covered alongside aspects of political life; teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, politics and immigration. Time will also be dedicated to study a book.

IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

What skills will I need?

Learning French at A Level teaches you a range of transferrable skills such as reading, listening and translation. In addition you learn to communicate clearly, fluently and confidently both in oral and written form. The course will also give you the opportunity to research and critically evaluate texts and information to offer informed and logical arguments of your own. As a result, you will become more confident in exercising responsibility and

initiative. Linguists are sought after by universities as they tend to be open-minded, analytical, organised and have great communication skills.

WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

French lends itself well to being studied as part of a joint degree. You can study the language on its own, but you can also combine it with one or two other languages, or with a completely different subject.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

French, combined with a chosen field, will open the world to you and give you a choice of careers that will go way beyond specialist occupations, such as Interpreting, Translation and Language Teaching. You will have many opportunities in a wide range of career fields, such as International Business, Economics, Journalism, Government, Health Care, Foreign Office, diplomatic service and International Affairs.

TEXTBOOK

AQA French. A Level. Year 1 and Year 2.

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EXAM BOARD

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HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

AS Paper 1	Written examination Listening, Reading and translation into English.	1 hour 45 minutes	40% of AS Level
AS Paper 2	Written examination. One question on a set film. Translation into target language.	1 hour 15 minutes	30% of AS Level
AS Paper 3	Oral examination. Discussion of two sub-themes with a discussion based on a stimulus card.	12 - 14 minutes	30% of AS Level
A Level Paper 1	Listening and Reading. Translation into English and French.	2 hours 30 minutes	40% of A Level
A Level Paper 2	Written examination. One question on a set book and one question on a set film.	2 hours	30% of A Level
A Level Paper 3	Discussion of a sub-theme with a discussion based on a stimulus card. Presentation and discussion of individual research project.	21 - 23 minutes	30% of A Level