

FRENCH

Key features

AS and A level in French provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for learners to build on their previous study of French. Through social, intellectual and cultural themes learners will be able to develop their linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of the countries or communities where the language is spoken. An opportunity to study literature and film will allow learners to undertake a deeper analysis of language structures and increase their cultural awareness as part of an integrated approach to language learning. A strong focus is placed on building learners' confidence and fluency in spoken French using relevant and topical themes.

AS Topics

Theme 1: Being a young person in French-speaking society

- Family structures, traditional and modern values, friendships/relationships
- Youth trends, issues and personal identity
- Educational and employment opportunities

Theme 2: Understanding the French-speaking world

- Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities
- Literature, art, film and music in the French speaking world

A2 Topics

Theme 3: Diversity and difference

- Migration and integration
- Cultural identity and marginalisation
- Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference
- Discrimination and diversity

Theme 4: France 1940-1950: The Occupation and the post-war years

- From June 1940 - May 1945 (occupation, liberation and end of World War II)
- Life in Occupied France and the cultural dimension (théâtre, cinéma, littérature)
- 1945 -1950: rebuilding and restructuring
- Repercussions for modern day France



Career opportunities

Studying French teaches you all the skills that employers look for: an analytical mind; good thought process; excellent memory capacity; fantastic cultural and intercultural awareness; good communication; great team player...and these are just a few.

Students possessing qualifications in languages are successful in a range of careers including teaching, international marketing, accountancy, finance, journalism, the civil service, research, government and administration.

The ability to combine a language with subjects like marketing, law, engineering and the sciences at most universities has produced a wider range of career options.

Students speaking a foreign language may later be offered the opportunity to do part of their degree in another European country.