

The study of French to AS and A levels will build on all you have learned at GCSE. You will continue to practise the skills of reading, listening, writing and speaking. Your studies will involve internet research, reading French newspapers and magazines and listening to radio and watching TV programmes. We encourage you to broaden your knowledge of France by watching films, and we make various visits during the year to French days at local arts centres and universities such as Manchester Met and 'Home'.

The AS Course

Topics covered at AS include the changing nature of family, the 'cyber society' and the positive features of a diverse society. You will also study a film which will be tested in the written and speaking exams. Testing will take the form of two written papers. Of course there will be a speaking test, in which you will discuss two themes.

The A level Course

At A2, comprehension work will deal with topics such as aspects of political and artistic culture, law and order and modern world issues. The cultural topics will involve both the study of a French novelist and his/her work, and study of a director and his/her films. Testing mirrors the pattern established at AS, this time with a comprehension and translation paper, an essay based paper and a speaking test involving material from an independent research topic.

Finally, we encourage you to put your language to use by visiting France on a work experience placement. Living and working in a town such as Lille or Caen, you will spend an exciting week developing your comprehension skills and confidence!

The study of a Modern Language adds an international dimension to your post-GCSE studies, whether you are a dedicated linguist or a specialist in another area. It is increasingly common to study a language alongside another subject at university, and each year, a number of our students go on to study French to degree level, combining it with law, international finance, business studies, management or another language.

Assessment

AS

- Oral with teacher in May
- Two written papers comprising listening and reading and translation as well as a topic based essay

A level

- Oral with teacher in May
- Two written paper comprising listening and reading and translation as well as essays on the cultural topics