

# FRENCH A LEVEL

*“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” Nelson Mandela*

Do you have a passion for the French language and culture? Do you enjoy travelling and meeting new people? Would you like the opportunity to live and work abroad? Would you like to be able to communicate confidently and effectively? If so, this could be the Course for you. An A Level in French will prove a valuable complement to both Science and Humanities combinations. Proficiency in a Modern Language is increasingly seen as an essential ancillary skill.

## WHY STUDY FRENCH AT A LEVEL?

French A Level will appeal to those of you looking to:

- Broaden your existing knowledge of the language.
- Develop and inspire your curiosity about French speaking countries.
- Continue on your journey to further studies and the world of work.

***French is also offered at AS Level, alongside your three Level 3 subjects. See Page 36 for more details.***

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will follow the AQA specification which includes:

- Social issues and trends
- Political culture
- Artistic culture
- Grammar
- A literary text
- A film
- An independent research project

## HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lessons are stimulating and challenging with the emphasis on language as a practical tool of communication. You will be taught through discussion, debates, analysis, presentations, multi-media, ICT, tutorials, purposeful reading and listening, independent research and more. You are encouraged to organise work experience through personal contacts or Halsbury Travel.

## WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

An A Level in French provides an opportunity to progress to Language Courses in higher education, as single or joint honours degrees. There are many exciting opportunities to live/work abroad if you can communicate fluently in another language. Good linguists are generally deemed to be more confident and independent, and universities are keener than ever to offer places to students who have an A Level in any Modern Foreign Language.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS
Standard Entry Requirements including GCSE Grade 6 or above in French to allow yourself the best opportunity to achieve on this Course.	<b>Exam Board AQA Code 7652</b> <b>Unit 1</b> Listening, Reading and Translation into English and French (40% of A Level) written exam - two hours 30 minutes. <b>Unit 2</b> One question on a set film and one question on a set text (30% of A Level) Written exam - two hours. <b>Unit 3</b> Speaking Test - a discussion of one sub-theme and individual research project. (30% of A Level) 21-23 minutes (including five minutes preparation time at the start of the test).