

How long is the course?

The course is a two year linear A Level. All exams will be taken at the end of the course.

Who is the course for?

If you already have a good level in French at GCSE and are interested in French culture and society, this course may be suited to you.

How will I be assessed?

There are three papers.

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing (50%)

- You will be assessed on your understanding of aspects of French speaking society, cultural and political life

Paper 2: Writing (20%)

- You are assessed on one text (No et Moi) and one film (La Haine) – you will write a critical essay on each
- Grammar is also assessed

Paper 3: Speaking (30%)

- You will take part in two topic card discussions (which you will prepare 15 minutes before the exam)
- You will conduct an independent research project – you will give a presentation and be questioned on your research

What could I do after the course?

The course is excellent preparation for study French at university level, as you will become competent at discussing literary works at a high level, and using complex grammar.

The course can be used for a range of different employment and study opportunities including translation, international journalism and business, and interpreting.

What else do I need to know?

You will develop many transferable skills, including communication, critical thinking, creativity and research skills. It will be challenging, so you need an excellent work ethic and to be resilient.

What will I be studying?

The topics you study are very different to GCSE. You look in depth at French society, and how it has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change. You will also study French film and literature, and be able to analyse the works and give a critical response.

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