

# FRENCH

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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## TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

## EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

## SPECIFICATION

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

*Preferred:* GCSE French grade 6

*Essential:* GCSE French grade 5



## AIMS OF THE COURSE

When you study A Level French, you will further develop the four key skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing whilst studying through media such as podcasts, videos, songs and presentations with film and/or literature studies also included. We look at topics relevant to the youth of today and have direct links with a college in Grenoble whose students support your progress further.

## COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Year 1:

- Theme 1: Family and changing relationships, the French education system, jobs and careers in France.
- Theme 2: Music, media studies, festivals and traditions in France + Film or literature study

Year 2:

- Theme 3: Life as an immigrant, acceptance or marginalization, French nationalism
- Theme 4: Life in France during the Second World War + Film or literature study

Assessment:

- Paper 1 – Listening/Reading/Translation into English – 40%
- Paper 2 – Written response to Works/Translation into French – 30%
- Paper 3 – Speaking: discussion based on one curriculum area and on a topic of your choice – 30%

## CAREER PROSPECTS

49% of UK businesses look for employees who can speak French, meaning studying the language will be a huge asset to your career. If you want to actively use languages in your work, you could consider: Travel & tourism (working as a travel agent, part of airline crew or holiday representative), Marketing (many marketing and PR jobs require you to be able to speak a second language, and therefore French can be a huge asset), translation, teaching. However, the soft skills learned during the course will support you in most careers.

## SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



### Something to think about...

What is life like for a teenager in Paris? How many people in the world use skills such as communication, presentation, reading and writing in their jobs? Where could you go on a gap year using French?



### Something to listen to...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bae\\_QJ0yls&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bae_QJ0yls&feature=emb_logo)



### Something to read...

You will find some great articles for young adults in the magazine Phosphore. You can follow on Instagram #magphosphore or on Twitter @phosphoremag. Le Point also has some great content to develop your vocabulary and knowledge of Francophone issues. You can also find those on social media: #lepointfr and @lepoint.

