



French A Level (Pearson 9FR0)

“Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savour their songs.” Nelson Mandela.

Curriculum Vision

Our History (Political, Social, and Economical) is being transformed as we speak and with it new needs are emerging and new skills are becoming essential. Now, more than ever the knowledge of a foreign language is paramount in our society, especially for young people. The A Level course is taught over two years.

What will you learn?

The program of study includes the following topics:

- The changes in the French society (Social issues and trends)
- The political culture (through Media) and artistic culture, Festival, Music, Traditions) of the French speaking world
- Immigration and the French multi society
- The Occupation and la Résistance
- Literature and Films.

How will you learn?

You will have access to online learning resources (which includes an interactive textbook with all activities and tests; study skill tips and more). Students may work online during lessons in an ICT suite and independently outside lesson time. There is great emphasis placed on the teaching and learning of the French Culture itself as well as new grammatical aspects of the language not seen at KS4. This gives you the opportunity to reach a higher level of fluency.

You will have access to a range of movies and books in the language in order to gain a greater understanding of the culture and to practice the language in a natural environment.

Where will the study of French A Level will take you?

Language study is about creativity, critical thinking and communication. Studying a language will add an international dimension to your A levels and provide you with skills which employers and universities consider to be highly desirable. During this two year course you will build on what you have learnt at GCSE, developing your confidence to speak in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently as well as understand more about France and Francophone cultures. More importantly, you will be highly sought in professional circles as language skills enhance your job prospects at home and abroad.

Who to talk to?

Talk to Miss Gooden in H119.

What will you need to study this course?

Students studying at A Level will require 5 or more GCSEs graded 9-5 or A-C. To study French at A Level you will need at least a grade 4 in both English and Mathematics, and a grade 6 or higher in French GCSE.

The A Level is divided into three skills:

- Listening, Reading and translation (Paper 1: 40% of qualification)
- Written response to works and translations (Paper 2:30% of qualification)

-Speaking (Paper 3: 30% of qualification)

