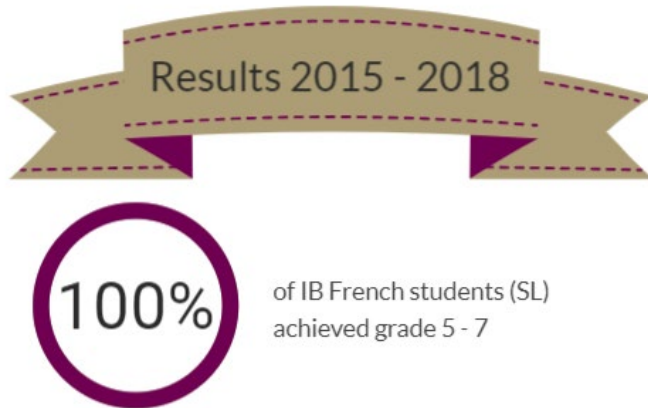


# FRENCH

## WHY STUDY FRENCH AT STONYHURST?



## MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Small groups led by highly experienced and dedicated staff – a maximum class size of 12 students.

A variety of stimulating course enrichment activities, from watching the latest French films to improving your language skills in France on a study visit.

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and to reach your full potential as both a student and a person, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Studying French in Higher Line will give you access to more courses at better universities and to a wider range of more interesting careers.

By the end of your language course, you will have increased confidence in your ability to understand and express yourself fluently when conversing or writing about a wide range of topics.

Language courses go well with almost any other subject, and both universities and employers value these qualifications highly.

## WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ To study a language successfully in the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme, pupils will need to be motivated, curious about other ways of life, and enjoy learning through studying texts in a foreign language.
- ✓ There is quite a gap between the finishing point of GCSE and the start of the A Level/IB courses. Ideally we like people to have a 7, 8 or 9, but some have gone on to study French successfully with a lower grade.

## COURSE ENRICHMENT

From time to time we organise trips to Paris. The last one included:

- ✓ a guided tour of the palace of Versailles by a specialist in fashion at the time of Marie-Antoinette (the guide appeared in the BBC Four series Versailles Stories)
- ✓ a trip to the theatre to see Molière's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*
- ✓ a visit to the Gare d'Orsay to enjoy the impressionist paintings.

Each year we take all linguists in Higher Line (sixth form) to the UCLan Worldwide Learning Centre to get a glimpse of how professional interpreters and translators work in their state of the art interpreting suite.

This half-day visit allows pupils an opportunity to try a new language and have a go in the interpreting booth.



the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries.

Students will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STANDARD/HIGHER LEVEL

IB French is a subject that requires independent study skills and an aptitude for and an interest in languages.

### IB French B

This course caters for those studying French as a second-language who ideally will have achieved a grade 7 or above at GCSE level. Topics studied include Communication and Media, Global issues and Social Relationships.

### IB French A Literature

We also offer a course for mother-tongue speakers of French who wish to study several works of French literature as well as other works translated into French.

Our IB Diploma Programme is designed to produce highly-educated all-rounders who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness, and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.

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## WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

One-to-one sessions – Weekly individual classes with our French Language Assistant to boost speaking skills.

Twice-weekly French clinics with the Head of French or former Head of French for help with anything you need.



## WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

At Stonyhurst we offer a selection of courses for studying the French language. Please talk to a member of the teaching staff for more information on courses.

### A LEVEL FRENCH AQA

A Levels have now moved away from the traditional AS/A2 structure to a two-year linear course with all exams at the end of the two years.

The topics studied in the AQA course will address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of

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