

A Level French

“Studying French at A-Level has allowed me to improve my French language skills, but also let me discover so much more about France and the Francophone world”

Dept exam achievement

- ▶ 2020 - 100% A* - B
- ▶ 2018 - 60% A* - B

Curriculum overview

Year 12 covers **6** themes:

- *La famille en voie de changement* - The changing nature of family
- *La « cyber-société »* - The 'cyber-society'
- *Le rôle du bénévolat* - The place of voluntary work
- *Une culture fière de son patrimoine* - A culture proud of its heritage
- *La musique francophone contemporaine* - Contemporary francophone music
- *Cinéma : le septième art* - Cinema: the 7th art form

All themes are discussed in the context of France and French-speaking countries

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Year 12 also starts the study of **two literature pieces:**



Film – *La Haine*



Novel – *Bonjour Tristesse*

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Year 13 covers 6 further themes:

- ▶ *Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse* - Positive features of a diverse society
- ▶ *Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?* - Life for the marginalised
- ▶ *Comment on traite les criminels* - How criminals are treated
- ▶ *Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique* - Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- ▶ *Manifestations, grèves - à qui le pouvoir ?* - Demonstrations, strikes - who holds the power?
- ▶ *La politique et l'immigration* - Politics and immigration

Exams

A-level

Paper 1: 50%

- ▶ Listening
- ▶ Reading
- ▶ Translation into English
- ▶ Translation into French

Paper 2: 20%

- ▶ 2 critical essays: one about the film, one about the novel (300 words each)

Paper 3: 30%

- ▶ Discussion based on a photocard from 1 sub-theme – 5-6 mins
- ▶ Individual Research Project – 2 mins spoken presentation – 9-10 mins discussion

Likely pathways

- ▶ Language/s at university
- ▶ (International) business with language
- ▶ Law
- ▶ Marketing

Entry criteria

- ▶ Grade 7 at GCSE, or a Grade 6 and a successful Head Start test.