

# FRENCH

## WHY STUDY FRENCH *at* STONYHURST?

### MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We offer small classes and a highly personalised language learning experience. Our team of language teachers comprises highly experienced linguists who are also examiners, native speakers who teach the literature and culture of their native countries and who offer conversation classes in small groups or on a 1-1 basis in order to provide the best opportunities for our pupils to excel in French.

Stonyhurst offers a variety of stimulating course enrichment activities such as film clubs, study visits, exchange partners and 1-1 preparation for prestigious university entrance.

Our aim is to help pupils to develop and share their individual gifts and talents, to learn from others and to reach their full potential in French and more broadly, preparing them to be good citizens of the world.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Studying French at A level or IB enables pupils not only to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in French, but also develops confidence more generally in public speaking, improves grammatical understanding and allows pupils to become more proficient, precise communicators in their own language.



### WHAT DO I NEED?

To study a language successfully at A level or as part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme, pupils need to be motivated, curious about other ways of life, and enjoy learning through studying a variety of texts, watching films and engaging in reading, translation and writing activities.

Ideally, pupils who have studied French GCSE should have at least a grade 7. However, a willingness to work hard and a love of language learning are the most important factors for successful sixth form study.

### COURSE ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment programme varies from year to year. Examples of activities from previous years are listed below:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ An exchange visit from our partner school in St Omer
- ✓ A trip to UCLan Worldwide Learning Centre to get a glimpse of how professional interpreters and translators work.



## 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 teachers in the department for help with anything you need.

## WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

At Stonyhurst we offer a selection of courses for studying the French language: A level French, IB French Language A for native speakers, IB French Language B for second language learners at standard and higher level.

## COURSE ENRICHMENT

- ✓ Art history talks and visiting speakers
- ✓ Technical workshops
- ✓ Visits to gallery exhibitions and higher education institutions

## A LEVEL FRENCH AQA

A level French is a two-year linear course with all the exams at the end of the two years.

The topics studied in the AQA course address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries.

Pupils study texts and films and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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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