

# A Level French

## Course details

During the A Level French course, students will:

- develop their linguistic skills in a foreign language whilst learning about other cultures and society;
- study social and technological change abroad alongside highlights of artistic culture including music, cinema, or literature;
- explore the influence of the past on present-day foreign communities;
- use all 4 skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

## Assessments:

### **Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation 40% of A level**

Assessing knowledge gained of the Core course content.

Listening, Reading and responding to a variety of sources with non-verbal responses or in French. Translating a text into English.

**Paper 2: Writing and translation 30% of A Level** Assessing knowledge gained of one text and film OR two texts studied. Translating a text into French.

### **Paper 3: Speaking 30% of A Level**

Discussing one theme from the specification based on a stimulus containing two different statements including an independent **research project**: presenting a summary of at least two of the written sources they have used for their research and give a personal response to what they have read. Answering questions on their presentation and then have a wider discussion on their research.

## Topics of study

### **Core content:**

#### **Theme 1 - Social issues and trends in France**

The changing nature of family patterns / Education / The world of work.

#### **Theme 2 - Political and artistic culture in French speaking countries**

Music / Media / Festivals and traditions.

#### **Theme 3 – Immigration and multicultural French society**

The positive impacts of immigration in France / the challenges of immigration and integration in France / The extreme right.

#### **Theme 4 – Occupation and resistance**

Occupied France / The Vichy Regime / The resistance

#### **Grammar**

The grammatical systems and structures of the language.

#### **Options: Literary texts / Films**

You will have the opportunity to study a book and a film OR two books from a prescribed list given by the exam board.

