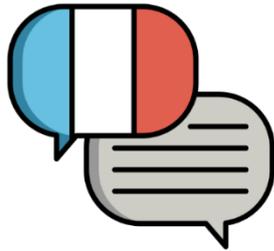


A-Level FRENCH



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Going places with French!

- The French A Level course is a challenging, varied and stimulating course.
- A Level French is a well-respected qualification. It is classed as a 'Facilitating Subject' which means it will look good on a UCAS or job application.
- The course will help you develop a deeper knowledge of both grammar and topics. You will develop your independent research skills via the Individual Research Project. You will develop invaluable transferable skills including analysis and critical thinking.
- You will learn how to translate accurately from English into French and transfer meaning from French into English.
- French can be studied at degree level, both as a subject on its own, as part of a joint degree and as a subsidiary subject, combined with a wide range of other subjects, including Politics, Maths, Science, History, English, Marketing & Engineering.

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Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

You will be learning a life skill, you will have a greater understanding of the world, your understanding of your own language will increase, you will become more open-minded and adaptable, and your self-confidence will grow! Being able to speak French not only enables you to communicate with over 220 million people around the world, but it also brings other academic benefits too. Languages are taught interactively. You will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills through a wide variety of different mediums such as video, TV, Internet research and music.

As well as topic-based lessons, you will conduct independent research tasks. You will have weekly grammar lessons and you will have a language assistant to help you with speaking both individually and in small groups. You will learn to communicate and debate views about current affairs. You will learn a lot about cultural references, the arts and the literature of the country. You will learn to debate on politics, and socio-economic issues.

Opportunities

Become more confident at speaking and writing in French.

Develop a greater understanding of the French you read and hear.

Become a confident communicator in French.

Gain a better understanding of French grammar and will be able to use it more effectively.

Learn about France and develop an insight into contemporary French Society.

Potential trips to France to develop your cultural capital & practice your conversation skills.

- Experience the culture of French speaking countries.
- Get an excellent foundation for further study and equip yourself with excellent communication skills
- Gain a highly respected qualification which will impress both universities and future employers.

Plus.... Language learning is a challenge and can be both fun and rewarding. The lessons are varied and interactive.



'With languages you are at home anywhere'

– Edward De Waal

What will I study?

We follow the AQA French specification. You will study:

- **Theme 1:** Changes in French Society (family, education, work place and laws)
- **Theme 2:** Political and artistic culture in the French speaking world (media, music, films, fashion, traditions, freedom of speech)
- **Theme 3:** Immigration and integration
- **Theme 4:** France and Resistance during Nazi Occupation in World War II

In addition, you will complete a film study in the first year of the course (*La Haine* de Mathieu Kassovitz) and a book study in the second year of the course (*No et Moi*). For the speaking element of the qualification, you will complete an individual research project that will be presented orally.

How will I be assessed?

You will have the following exams at the end of year 13:

Unit 1 Listening, Reading & Writing <i>Includes translation from and to French</i>	50% 2h30
Unit 2 Writing <i>2 essays: 1 on literature & 1 on film</i>	20% 2 hours
Unit 3 Speaking <i>Stimulus card and discussion on 1 topic + Individual Research Project & discussion</i>	30% 21-23 mins

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

No, you will need to have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE French.

What can the course lead on to?

French is a highly-regarded A Level by both employers and universities as it supports the development of key skills including critical thinking, analysis, communication and debate.

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Many people who have taken

A Level French have pursued careers in law, accountancy, banking & finance, journalism, marketing and public relations, the Civil Service, translation and interpreting as well as teaching. Those with language skills are a relative rarity in the UK; therefore, employment prospects are extremely high.

Universities and employers value competency in a language very highly as it shows perseverance, adaptability and excellent communication skills.

What have previous students said about this subject?