



French

Why study French?

French is spoken by 74 million people across the world with a projected 750 million speakers by 2050, notably in France and former French territories. Being able to speak French can provide you with travel and work opportunities as many UK businesses look for employees who can speak French, meaning studying the language will be a huge asset to your career.

What skills will I gain from studying French?

Studying French at A Level, not only improves your language skills, but it provides you with insights into France's history and culture. **You will** be able to understand French speakers, and their style of speech, read books in their original form, as well as newspapers, magazines and online news sites, and write in the target language in different styles. You will also expand your vocabulary in English and gain essay writing, summary and presentation skills. At Hazelwick we offer individual sessions with our native French assistant, study a film based on France during the Occupation and a novel based on the difficulties faced by immigrants in contemporary France.

Having studied French what opportunities will be open to me?

French is a facilitating subject which will help you gain entry to many courses at top universities. Career opportunities include translating and interpreting for which you can choose to specialise in different areas, such as medical or legal translation. Travelling as part of your career can be an exciting prospect, and A Level French can open up opportunities in the travel and tourism sector. Many marketing and PR jobs require applicants to be able to speak a second language, and therefore French is a huge asset for jobs both at home and internationally.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE French

Exam Board – AQA

Specification code/no. - 7652

Topics covered in Year 12

Aspects of French-speaking society – current issues and trends; Family Life in France, Cyber-society and Volunteering. Artistic culture in the French-speaking world; French culture and heritage, Contemporary French music and French films. Study of 'Au revoir les enfants' by Louis Malle.

Topics covered in Year 13

Aspects of political life in French-speaking society; Diversity and multiculturalism, Poverty and Social exclusion, Crime, Voting and Political life, Strikes and Demonstrations and Immigration. Study of a Literary Text 'Kiffe kiffe demain' by Faïza Guène, and an individual research project on a topic of your choice.