



A-LEVEL FRENCH

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EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL (9FRO)

Aims of the course:

Develop the ability to understand and use French in a range of contexts, with fluency, accuracy and spontaneity. Analyse and respond to French-language texts, films, and other authentic materials. Cultivate cultural awareness and understanding of the Francophone world. Develop independent research skills through a student-chosen project. Prepare students for further study or careers where French is used linguistically or culturally.

Programme of Study at Year 1:

- **Theme 1:** Les changements dans la société française (family, attitudes, education, work).
- **Theme 2:** La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones (media, music, festivals, heritage, politics).
- **Theme 3:** L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française (immigration, integration, diversity, challenges).
- **Theme 4:** La France occupée, la Résistance et la mémoire (Occupation, Vichy regime, Resistance, memory). Two works: either two literary texts or one literary text and one film from the prescribed list.
- **Independent Research Project (IRP):** student-chosen cultural/social topic related to Francophone world.

Subject Contents

- Listening, reading and translation tasks (French ↔ English).
- Written essays on a film and/or literary text.
- Speaking assessment: discussion of a theme + Independent Research Project and follow up discussion
- Grammar and vocabulary development, including advanced tenses and structures.
- Exploration of Spanish-speaking societies, politics, culture and history.

Approaches to Learning

- Lots of target language in lessons, often working in small groups
- Emphasis on discussion, debate, and analytical writing.
- Use of authentic sources: newspapers, films, podcasts, literature.
- Independent study and research alongside guided practice.
- Exam practice to build accuracy, spontaneity and confidence.

This course is for you if you

- Love languages and want to engage with Francophone culture.
- Enjoy reading, film, current affairs, and cultural discussion.
- Want to push your communication, analytical and research skills.
- Are self-motivated, curious, and willing to take on deeper challenge.

This course will prepare you for

- University: French, languages, international relations, politics, law, journalism, European studies.
- Careers: Translation, interpretation, diplomacy, education, media, tourism, international business.
- Skills & Benefits: Cultural sensitivity, critical thinking, research competence, fluent communication — all highly valued in many fields.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- 5 x Grade 9-4 including English and Maths
- Grade 6 in French