

French at A level



Why?

Every year, students in our Year 11 choose French at A level. One of our current Year 13 students prepared a video last year describing his experience of French in Year 12.

He is currently predicted A/A* and has applied to Cambridge to study French and Arabic. We hope that you enjoy his video.

Our French A level students are keen to add a foreign language to their skill set and are aware of the advantages of having an A level in a foreign language in terms of, what is now, a highly competitive graduate job market.

Our students report that they particularly enjoy the study of French film and literature at A level given that this is something entirely different to the GCSE syllabus.

What?

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

What's assessed

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Grammar

Paper 2: Writing

What's assessed

- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar

Paper 3: Speaking

What's assessed

- Individual research project
- One of four themes (Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world, Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world)

- We hope that you will enjoy Safwan's short video. French is a collaboration subject and Safwan explains in some detail how this has worked in practice for him and the other French A level students.
- Please note, there is one correction to his commentary. Currently, we do not have the physical space to be able to host French A level at Aston. Our staff here have much experience in teaching the A level and hope to do so again soon.

Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Quigley-Brown (Subject Leader for French)

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