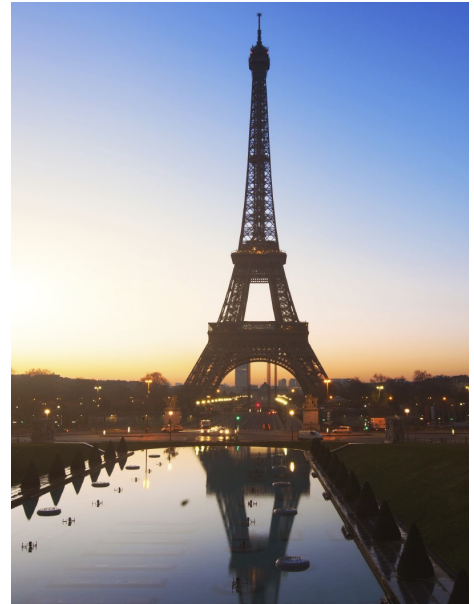


French



Why choose to study a foreign language?

- Closer integration with Europe means that foreign language skills are bound to become more important during your working life-time, whatever people say about the spread of English as an “international language”.
- In studying a foreign language, you also develop communication skills and analytical skills which are useful in a number of careers.

So, why French?

- French is the second official language of the United Nations and the most widely recognised international language after English.
- France’s importance and influence in Europe and the world is on the increase. Recently the *Observer* reported: “France these days is strong in almost every economic area of the future: transport, aerospace, entertainment, communications, tourism, agribusiness, genetics.”

Course Content & Learning Styles

- You will learn to organise your ideas, to carry out research, to report and evaluate, and to present arguments – all important skills in their own right.
- The specification is based on the following topics:
- Skills relating to listening, reading, extended writing, speaking and grammar.
- Identity and culture.
- Local national and international global areas of interest.
- Current and future study, employment.

Entrance Requirements

- You will have enjoyed taking French to GCSE and you are interested in communicating with people and seeing how language works. The emphasis at GCSE is very much on communication skills. At AS and A2, those skills are still important, but you will learn to use more complex language, and the emphasis will very much be on grammatical accuracy. **You need, therefore, to have excellent writing skills and to have a good understanding of GCSE grammar if you are to do well.**

Progression Opportunities

- If you enjoy your ‘A’ Level course you may want to study French at degree level, either on its own or, as is becoming increasingly popular, in combination with subjects such as business, marketing, law and engineering.
- If you decide to go straight into work, many firms will value the skills you have acquired through your language, particularly those that have links to Europe. You also open the door to the possibility of learning a completely new language at work or university, which may in turn open up exciting career avenues.

