

# French A Level



## Features of the Course:

- Promotes grammatical understanding and awareness
- Provides a logical progression from GCSE
- Focuses on development of all language skills
- Rewards advanced research and reading skills
- Facilitates film and literary study
- Acknowledges the importance of knowledge and understanding of French-language culture

## A level Units

### Unit 1: Social issues and trends

- The changing nature of family
- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work
- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

### Unit 2: Political and artistic culture

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary francophone music
- Cinema: the 7<sup>th</sup> art form
- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power?
- Politics and immigration

### Unit 3: Grammar

### Unit 4: Text and Film

Students study a text and a film in French from a set list.

### Unit 5: Individual research project

Students must identify a subject or a key question which is of interest to them and which relates to a country or countries where French is spoken. They must select relevant information in French from a range of sources including the internet. The aim of the research project is to develop research skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to initiate and conduct individual research by analysing and summarising their findings, in order to present and discuss them in the speaking assessment.

## Methods of Assessment:

### AS (one-year only course):

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing – 1hr45 (45%)

Paper 2: Writing – 1hr30 (25%) one text or one film from the list

Paper 3: Speaking exam – 12-14 minutes (30%)

### A level (Linear course):

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing – 2hr30 (50%)

Paper 2: Writing – 2hr (20%) one text and one film from the list

Paper 3: Speaking exam – 21 -23 minutes (30%) including discussion of research project