

Why choose French

Choosing a Modern Language at A-level is a wise decision if you want a **fascinating subject** that **enhances your career prospects**, offers you a range of career possibilities and is a lot of fun along the way.

A-level MFL is **interesting** and **varied** and gives you a broad range of knowledge and skills.

Building upon your existing knowledge gained at GCSE, it is **stimulating, challenging** and **rewarding** and gives you the skills required to become global citizens of the 21st century.

- Through a **wide variety of topics**, you will develop the skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing and translation.

- New grammar is learnt and existing grammatical knowledge is revisited and revised.

- You will learn a variety of **transferable skills** such as communication, critical thinking, autonomy, resourcefulness, linguistic creativity and flexibility.

But perhaps most importantly we hope to encourage you to fall in love with learning a modern language and provide you with a sound basis for further study, including a gap year with any degree.

Areas of Study

Throughout the course, we investigate **technological** and **social change**, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings.

You will study highlights of French-speaking artistic **culture**, including **music** and **cinema**, and learn about **political engagement** and who wields political power in the French-speaking world.

You will also explore the **influence of the past on present day communities** and learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries and the **issues** and **influences** which have shaped them.

We also regularly discuss **current affairs**: maybe news items or the latest films and fashions.

Future careers

- With the globalisation of industry and commerce, graduates with a good command of modern languages are sought after for numerous roles in a variety of organisations and sectors.
- Careers where language skills are the primary focus are those of interpreter (spoken word), translator (written word) and teacher/lecturer.
- Alternative career options include the travel industry, working overseas or in the UK, retail buying, logistics and distribution, where goods or equipment are moved across international borders. The government's diplomatic service is often a target for modern language graduates.

Assessment (Exam Board: AQA)

There are 3 examinations:

Listening, reading, writing: 2h30, students have control of the recording (50% of A level)

Writing: 2h, based on literary text/film studied (20% of A level)

Speaking: 21-23 minutes, stimulus card and presentation & discussion of individual research task