

Nower Hill 6th Form:

*Inspiration, excellence,
opportunity - a confident future*

FRENCH AS/A Level



Who is the course for?

Good linguists who have enjoyed expressing themselves in French at GCSE and want to develop their language skills, as well as having an interest in France and French-speaking countries.

What can it lead to?

It can lead to a degree in French or a combined degree with another language or other degree. Aside from a specialist language career as a translator or interpreter, a qualification in a language is important for an increasing number of career opportunities in Europe, as well as in business management, marketing, tourism, banking, telecommunications or the Civil Service. There are also a number of courses in Science with an associated language allowing you to follow a science career abroad.

What are the entry requirements?

Students must achieve Grade 6 or above in GCSE French.

What will I Study?

The course will build rapidly on the knowledge and skills gained in GCSE French, so that you will quickly gain confidence in the use of spoken and written language in a range of interesting topics, including Social Issues and Trends and Political and Artistic Culture. You will learn more about life and culture in France and French-speaking countries and study a film and a literary text. You will complete an individual research project on a particular aspect of French culture. You will also deepen your understanding of grammar concepts.

How will I be taught?

Diverse methods to deliver all four skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing). Newspapers, magazines, TV film and plays will help you to acquire language on contemporary issues.

How will I be assessed?

There are three papers. Paper 1 (Listening, Reading and Writing, including Translation) is worth 45% for AS, 50% for A Level. Paper 2 (Writing for AS, Film and Literature for A2) is worth 25% for AS, 20% for A Level. Paper 3 (Speaking, including a presentation of a piece of individual research) is worth 30% for both the AS and the A Levels.

Are there any links to other courses?

French combines well with A Level Business, Economics, Government & Politics, other foreign languages, and adds an international dimension to any other course.

What equipment or materials will I need?

Textbook, vocabulary book, grammar book, audio CD, foreign language dictionary.

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