

WGSB6 A Level Options French FAQ Information Sheet



Which exam board and courses are studied at A Level?

AQA

What skills will studying French equip me with?

Self-confidence, the ability to talk about a variety of contemporary issues, extended writing and research. Also, you will enhance your analytical and critical thinking skills.

Do I need a specific grade at GCSE to access A level?

Each case is individual, but we would look for a Grade 7 at GCSE.

How is the course structured and how will it be taught?

There are 6 modules in Year 12 and 6 modules in Year 13. Like at GCSE you will access a Knowledge Organiser for each module. You will be taught through the online platform of Kerboodle and contemporary resources.

Is there a coursework component?

You will undertake an Individual Research Project (IRP) for your speaking examination (Paper 3). This will involve you researching a particular aspect of a French speaking country of your choice and then presenting and discussing it in your speaking examination.

Who teaches the course?

Mrs Williams, Mr Hughes and Mrs Nicholls.

How is the course resourced?

Textbook, knowledge organisers, Kerboodle and contemporary resources. Digital copies of all the materials are also located on SharePoint.

How well do students achieve in French?

Students achieve exceptionally well in French largely due to their self-motivation and the relatively small class sizes.

Will I need to do a lot of independent study?

In order to accelerate your fluency, it is recommended that you make the most of your school non-contact time.

What are typical A level subject choices alongside French?

French genuinely goes with any subject! We have had students who have gone on to study medicine who have done A level French to make them stand out from the crowd. As well as the sciences and maths, do to the nature of the course and the content it works well with any combination.

Do I need to take another subject to support my study of French?

No.



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What subject related extracurricular opportunities are offered at A level?

Visit to Paris.

How might French help me in my next steps / university / career planning?

Spanish is a preferred A level subject at Russell group universities. It is becoming a more and more sought after qualification post Brexit in the workplace due to not only the linguistic benefits but also demonstrating that you are open-minded and have a deep appreciation of other cultures.

Other helpful information about studying French.

Please come and speak to one of the French teachers and listen to our French A level video.

