

FRENCH

Examination Board: Edexcel
Specification: AS (8FR0), ALevel (9FR0)

The Course

- Builds on positive attitudes to language learning gained at GCSE
- Develops confidence and competence in practical communication and promotes knowledge of contemporary issues
- Provides enjoyment and stimulates intellectual and critical faculties
- Fosters a sympathetic understanding of French speaking cultures as well as an awareness of European Citizenship, other cultures and civilisations.
- Offers opportunities of travel/work experience in French speaking countries.
- Provides excellent job prospects
- Many universities ask for an MFL qualification.

AS Level

The AS course is a motivating course of study that will enable students to develop an advanced level knowledge and understanding of the French language, the culture of France and other francophone countries, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills. This specification will help students to prepare for higher education and enhance their employability profile.

Lessons

6-7 lessons per fortnight, depending on group size.

Assessment

Assessment is by terminal examinations.

AS Level

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation (*Paper code: 8FR0/01)
Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes
40% of the qualification=64 marks

Paper 2: Written response to work, grammar and translation (*Paper code: 8FR0/02)
Written examination: 1 hour and 40 minutes
30% of the qualification= 60 marks

Paper 3: Speaking (*Paper code: 8FR0/03)
Internally conducted and externally assessed
Total assessment time: between 27 and 30 minutes, which includes a single period of 15 minutes formal preparation time
30% of the qualification=72 marks

Papers 1 and 2 will be based on content from the following themes.

The themes address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries. Theme 1 focuses on aspects of society of France only. Theme 2 requires students to broaden their knowledge across francophone countries and communities.

A Level

The A level course is a motivating course of study that will enable students to develop an advanced level knowledge and understanding of the French language, the culture of France and other francophone countries, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills. This specification will help students to prepare for higher education and enhance their employability profile.

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation (*Paper code: 9FR0/01)
Written examination: 2 hours
40% of the qualification=80 marks

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation (*Paper code: 9FR0/02)
Written examination: 2 hours and 40 minutes
30% of the qualification=120marks

Paper 3: Speaking (*Paper code: 9FR0/03)
Internally conducted and externally assessed
Total assessment time: between 21 and 23 minutes, which includes a single period of 5 minutes formal preparation time
30% of the qualification=72 marks

Papers 1 and 3 will be based on content from the following four themes.

The four themes address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries. Themes 1, 3, and 4 focus on aspects of society or history of France only. Theme 2 requires students to broaden their knowledge across francophone countries and communities.

Recommended Qualifications

French GCSE Grade A or above.

Minimum Requirements

A GCSE Grade B in French, grade 5 in English language and English literature.

For further information/clarification about this course please contact Mr C Flynn.