



Cotswold Edge Sixth Form



Subject	FRENCH A-LEVEL	Exam board	AQA
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Course outline

The course will allow you to further develop your language skills in order to achieve a high level of communication. There is a sharp focus on broadening your vocabulary and deepening your grammatical knowledge. You will also improve your general study skills and exam techniques. You will, of course, study the contemporary French culture and society in depth, including discussing and debating the following topics:



1. Social issues and trends
2. Political and artistic culture
3. Literary texts and films [*No et moi* and *Un long dimanche de fiançailles*]
4. Individual Research Project [you choose the topic]

The course is taught through a mixture of listening, speaking, reading and writing exercises. Both listening and reading will refer to authentic material and will aim to make you an independent linguist. The speaking and writing tasks will develop your ability to communicate and express your own thoughts and opinions. Our lessons are focused, relevant and fun. We enrich the curriculum with planned visits to local universities, workshops and lectures delivered by experts, and film nights. We are looking to develop links with students from our partner school in Cesson.

Course assessment

A-Level linear exam – to be assessed at the end of Year 13

Paper 1: Examination (40% of A-level) on aspects of French society (current trends, current issues, artistic culture, political life) – **Listening, Reading and Writing** – 2.5 hours

Paper 2: Examination (30% of A-level), writing analytical essays on the book and film studied– **Writing** – 2 hours

Paper 3: Speaking (30% of A-level) including a conversation in response to a stimulus card, followed by a presentation and discussion of your Individual Research Project – 21-23 minutes

Course progression

A language broadens your opportunities as there is a wide range of career paths which require specific foreign language skills in the increasingly global job market. Tourism and travel industries and international businesses are examples of careers requiring foreign language skills. Learning a foreign language could also improve your chance of studying at a good university or of joining the Erasmus scheme and studying abroad whilst at university. A language will provide you with confidence and a strong ability to communicate.