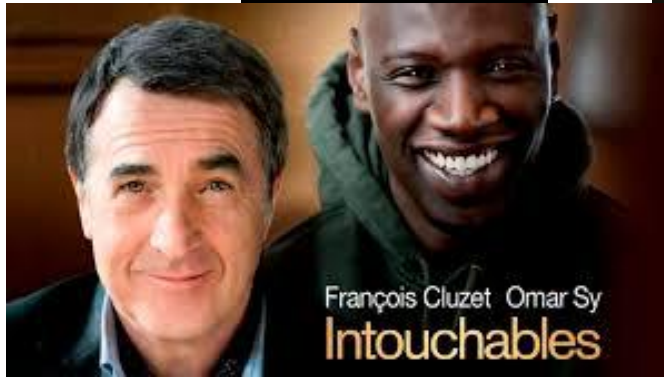
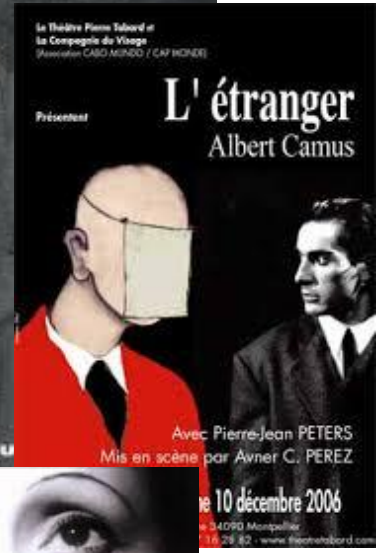


Why study French at A level?

Why study a  
Modern Foreign  
Language at A2?





- Not everyone speaks English
- Speaking another language will give you the edge in the job market

<b>Language</b>	<b>Native Speakers</b>
Mandarin Chinese	1.2 billion
Castilian Spanish	340 - 360 million
English	340 million
French	128 million



- A desirable qualification for all sorts of career paths.
- An A Level in an MFL is a facilitating subject and will not close any doors when applying for university courses.
- As part of your degree, you can have the opportunity to study and work abroad..

- Graduates with foreign language skills can expect to earn at least 10% more than those without.
- The UK workforce suffers from a chronic shortage of people at all levels with usable language skills (Source: Nuffield Languages Enquiry)
- It is more important than ever (pre-BREXIT) to have a workforce who have intercultural and linguistic skills and can help to increase international trade.
- 90% of jobs involving languages are in sectors such as sales, marketing and finance and not in translating, teaching. (Source: Observer)
- IT IS FUN AND ENJOYABLE

# A Level French



3 Components

1: Speaking 30%

2: Listening, Reading and Translation 50% 2 hours 30 mins

3: Critical and analytical response in writing 20% 2 hours

2 essays of 300 words on a literary work and film

# A level French AQA Topics:



**Social issues and trends:** The changing family, the cyber society, the role of the voluntary sector, a diverse society, marginalisation.

**Political and artistic culture:** Cultural heritage, contemporary French music, French cinema, politics and immigration, political engagement amongst young voters, protests and strikes

## **Literary texts and films:**

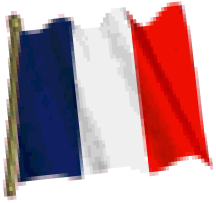
L'Étranger: Albert Camus

La Haine: Mathieu Kassovitz 1995

# What skills will I develop?

- Expression of ideas and development of independence of thought
- Ability to write in a coherent, well planned way, in different styles and registers
- Significant amount of choice of topic- individual study for the oral
- Gaining a deeper understanding of another society through a study of literature, film, contemporary and historical events.





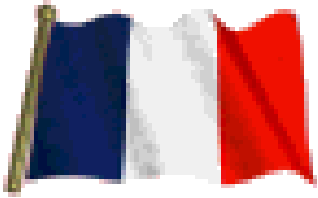
# Why study French at Hardenhuish?



## History of excellent French grades achieved at Hardenhuish at A2.

- In 2012 100% of A2 students attained grades A/B
- In 2013 75 % A2 students attained grade A
- In 2014 86% of A2 students attained A/B grades
- In 2015 80% of A2 students attained A\* - B
- In 2016 75% of A2 students attained A/B grades
- In 2017 100% of A2 students attained A/B grades

- ✓ It's fun to communicate in another language
- ✓ As much of the lesson as possible conducted in the Target Language – full oral participation expected from all!
- ✓ Range of resources; digital textbooks, magazines in the Target Language, Internet, music, video, radio, films and TV.



- Quotes from students learning a language at A'Level or at University:
- “Languages improve the quality of your life and your understanding of how other people live and think”
- “A language allows entry to the European marketplace”
- “Just being able to communicate with people who know a different language from you – it’s a really great feeling”

- **French, along with English, is the official working language of**

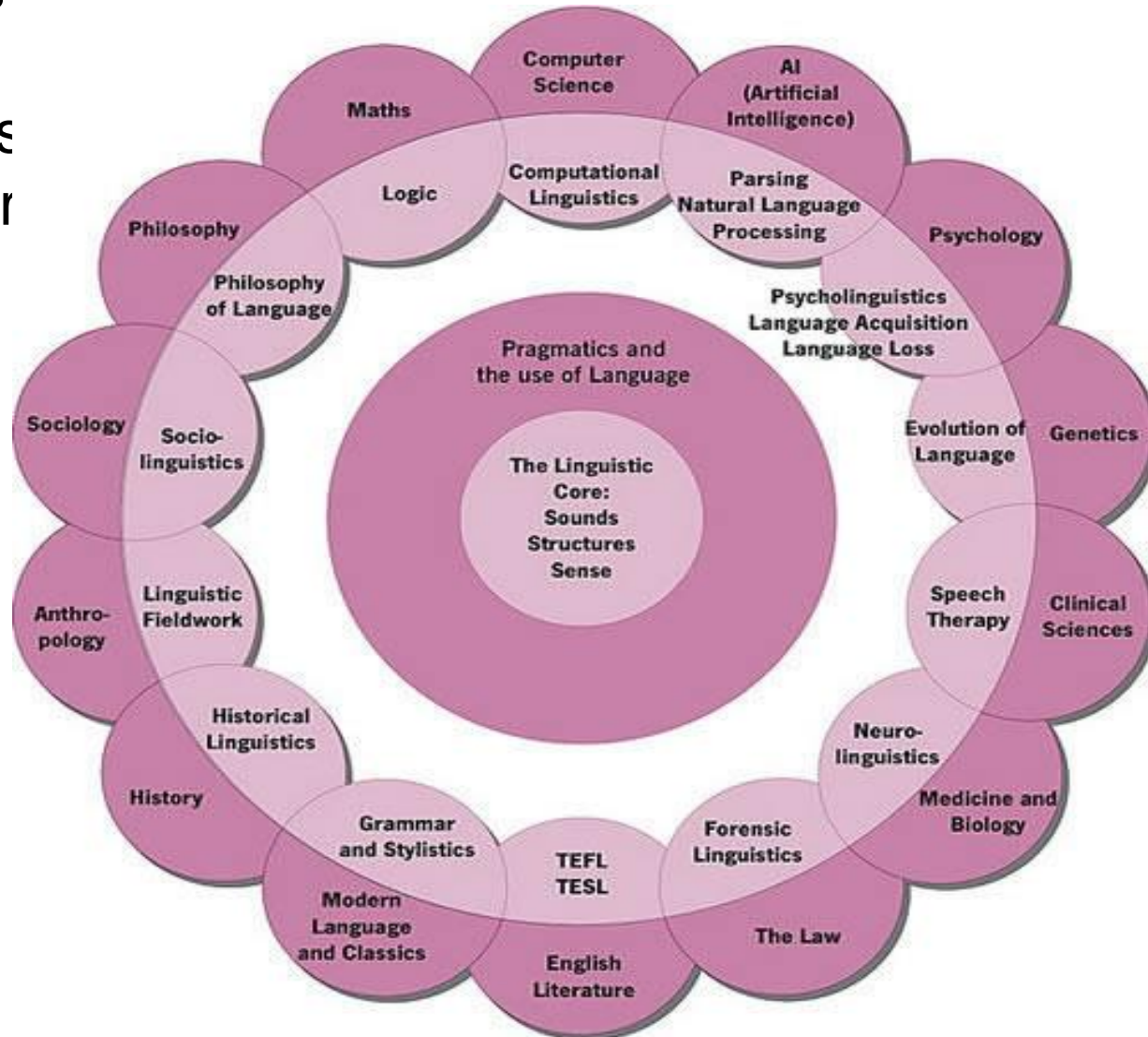
the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Labour Bureau, the International Olympic Committee, the 31-member Council of Europe, the European Union, the Universal Postal Union, the International Red Cross

- **French is the dominant working language at**

the European Court of Justice, the European Tribunal of First Instance, the Press Room at the European Commission in Brussels



Overlaps  
between  
linguistics  
and other  
fields:





it's an **interesting** world

## **Language & Culture Specialists –**

Working as a Language & Culture Specialist at GCHQ is about more than being a linguist. It's about using your unique understanding of **how language is used** and **wider cultural issues** to transport us to the heart of real life situations. It's about **finding true meaning in each and every exchange**.

Alongside frontline analysts, our **language and culture specialists** have the job of gathering snippets of information across a range of different electronic communication channels. **Piecing together the information** and providing valuable intelligence you'll create a **picture of exactly what's happening, where and when**. In this role, you'll have the chance to **influence and shape the future** – from presenting your findings and important meetings in Whitehall, to mentoring junior language and culture specialists and engaging in language outreach programmes in schools and other institutions. It very definitely isn't just about sitting around in a set of headphones all day, but it is about being part of a large team, communicating and working with a wide range of people.

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[Language Hacking Guide - Benny the Irish polyglot speaking 8 languages - YouTube](#)