FRENCH

Examination Board: AQA

Why study French?

Learning a foreign language increases personal satisfaction, employability, personal and social development of the individual, mobility and communication skills. Students gain a deeper understanding of another society through a study of literature, film, contemporary and historical events. You can go on to study French at university or take it as a module as part of a degree course in another subject.

Where does it lead?

Languages graduates are highly regarded by employers. There are many career options for languages graduates including interpreter, translator or a career in teaching. A French degree would also be useful for careers in broadcast journalism, the diplomatic service, international aid, logistics and distribution, marketing, sales and tourism.

Course Content

The course comprises the following 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'Etranger (Albert Camus) and La Haine (Mathieu Kassovitz).

Course Assessment

There are three components to the assessment of the course:

- 1. Speaking (30%)
- Listening, Reading and Translation (50%): a 2.5 hour examination
- Critical and analytical response in writing (20%): a 2 hour examination comprising two essays of 300 words on a literary work and film

For further information, please contact Miss Tavora



Just being able to communicate with people who speak a different language to you – it's a really great feeling!"

Sixth Form Student