



Who is this course for?

Students must achieve a minimum of four grade 5s at GCSE and English Language at grade 4 or above. You should also have a grade 6 or above in French.

What could it lead to?

Many students go on to a language related degree course. There are many degree courses offering courses including language study. Possible careers include teaching, translation, journalism, publishing, and work in the tourism or financial and banking sectors.

What is the course about?

In Year One students will study two main themes as well as grammar: The aspects of French speaking society (Current trends such as the changing nature of the family, cyber society, the place of voluntary work) and the artistic Culture in the French speaking world (A culture proud of its heritage, contemporary francophone music and cinema: the 7th art form). They will also study a French literary work in the first year. In Year Two: Students will build on the topics studied in Year One and study new topics such as Positive features of a diverse society, life for the marginalized, how criminals are treated (Theme aspects of French speaking society: Current trends) teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? Politics and immigration (theme aspects of political life in the French speaking world). Students will also study a French language film in the second year.

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

Assessment tasks are varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. There are 3 different exams. For Paper 1 (1h45mins), listening, reading and writing skills are assessed on the two main themes and grammar. Students are reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources and adapted as necessary. There are also two translations Paper 2 (2 hours) is the essay writing. Students are assessed on one book or one film studied they have studied from the lists in the specification. All questions will require a critical response to aspects such as plot, characterisation, imagery or other stylistic features as appropriate to the work studied. Grammar is also assessed. For Paper 3 (20mins), Speaking skills are assessed on one sub-theme from the 2 main themes studied. There is also a presentation by the candidate of his/her research project and a discussion of the research project.

Useful websites/further reading

<http://www.aqa.org.uk>

<http://www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk/>

<https://www.topuniversities.com/courses/modern-languages/guide>

