French

A Level

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Exam Board: AQA

What is the course about?

In French, we discover more about France and French speaking countries through the language and culture. This takes place in a variety of ways and using many different media.

In a typical week in French, you can be discussing the role of grandparents in modern families, why 40% of French language music has to be played on the radio by law or watching and analysing a classic of French cinema and giving your opinion on a character or the effect of colour on a particular scene.

What will I study in the first year?

In the first year you will study how families have changed in France and French speaking countries, the role of technology in society, the importance of voluntary work, the influence of music and cinema on French culture and why cultural heritage is important to the French nation. You will also study a French language film.

What will I study in the second year?

In the second year you will study the positive aspects of a diverse multicultural society and how this impacts on French life, how social issues are being addressed in France and French speaking countries and the level of political engagement in French culture with a focus on young people. You will also look at the issue of immigration in France and abroad and a literary work in French.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment is 100% exam based, which consists of two written exams and a speaking exam at the end of Year 13.

What skills will I develop in this course?

By the end of the course students will have developed their ability to produce and understand French to a high standard and will have also gained a more detailed understanding of the culture, politics and history of France and French speaking countries

What does this subject offer for higher education and future careers?

This subject is considered a competitive one in terms of university entrance. French is viewed as a very valuable skill amongst universities and employers and can be a gateway to working both at home and abroad in a variety of careers. French is a common partner with Law, Humanities subjects, Accountancy, Journalism and Marketing or even another language.