

A LEVEL

Exam board EDUQAS

FRENCH

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 or higher in GCSE French. The ideal student will have found GCSE French quite straightforward and enjoyable. The course aims to build on knowledge gained at GCSE, but with a new slant and with increased intellectual challenge, encompassing history, culture, arts and society as well as pure language skills.

COURSE CONTENT

Component 1: speaking exam. 30% of the qualification, 2 tasks.

Task 1: presentation of an independent research project and a discussion on the content of the research project.

Task 2: a discussion based on a stimulus card relating to one of the themes studied.

Component 2: listening, reading and translation from French into English and English into French. 50% of the qualification. Topics covered include French and Francophone societal issues, marginalisation and discrimination, and French history between 1940 and 1950.

Component 3: critical and analytical response in writing. 20% of the qualification. It comprises two essays: one based on a literary work (currently *No et Moi*) and the second on a film (currently *La Haine*).

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

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Component 1: speaking exam

Component 2: listening, reading and translation

Component 3: critical and analytical response

SKILLS, LINKS AND PROGRESSION

French combines well with a whole host of other subjects. It can be of particular use to students who are studying science and maths, English, history, business studies, geography and arts/humanities subjects – in other words, it goes well with all subjects either as a specialism or as a ‘second string to your bow’. Many degree subjects now offer the opportunity to spend some time abroad, thus gaining a qualification recognised in two countries, e.g. law, business, economics etc.

During the course, we actively encourage students to take part in our French exchange with the Lycée Saint Sauveur in Brittany. It adds so much to your French learning experience and encourages you to actually use it in real life, which in turn strengthens your own language development. We also require attendance at the after school French Literature Group, which helps you to gain a broader cultural awareness, aside from the evident linguistic benefits!

CONTACT

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