

FRENCH

@TGS Sixth Form



You will study:

- various aspects of the French speaking world
- *Au Revoir les Enfants*, a film by Louis Malle
- *L'Etranger*, a novel by Albert Camus
- a project of your own choice

French at A-level is an exciting and versatile course:

- that **opens your mind** to other countries; their traditions, history and culture. French is spoken by about 200 million people around the world as a mother tongue or fluent second language so you will learn about countries all over the globe;
- that offers a **multitude of cross-curricular links** making it an ideal option to complement any other courses you may choose such as History, Science, English, Business, Politics, Media Studies,...
- that equips you not only with linguistic skills but also with **transferable skills** such as cognitive flexibility, autonomy, resourcefulness, creativity and critical thinking.



A Level French gives you the edge:

Knowing French to A-level, regardless of the career you might choose, will allow you to compete effectively in the global economy. Job applicants who are proficient in at least two languages are at a distinct advantage. As the demand for languages is increasing and the availability of linguists is shrinking, could you fill this gap?



COURSE CONTENT:

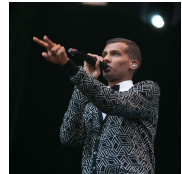
Aspects of French-speaking society

- The changing nature of the family
- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work



Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary francophone music
- Cinema



Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

- Positive aspects of a diverse society
- What kind of life for the marginalized?
- How do we treat criminals?



Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

- Teenagers, the right to vote and the political engagement
- Demonstrations and strikes
- Politics and immigration

Au Revoir les Enfants by Louis Malle
(a film set in France during WW2)

L'Etranger by Albert Camus
(an influential novel set in Algeria)

Individual Research Project: it could be on any topic of your choice (the theme just needs to be rooted in a French speaking country).

THE EXAMINATION:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

2 hours 30 minutes

50% of A-Level

Paper 2: Writing

2 hours

20% of A-Level

One essay on the film + one essay on the book

Paper 3: Speaking

16-18 minutes

30% of A-Level

Speaking Card + your own Individual Research Project

Examination Board: AQA (7652)



Teaching staff:

At present, the A Level teaching team consists of Mme Butterworth and Mme Richardson.

What do you need to bring to A-Level French?

- A curious mind that wants to learn about different cultures
- A desire to express your own points of view on various aspects of society, literature and movies
- A willingness to challenge preconceived ideas and question your own views of the world
- Good linguistic skills

Destinations of our 2020 A Level French students:

University of Oxford, Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)

Newcastle University, *French and Oriental Studies*

Durham University, *Biology*

University of Cambridge, *International Law*

Nottingham Trent University, *Artisan Food Production*



Further information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email on m.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk.

A bientôt!