



## Student Achievement 2016

Pass rate: 100% • A\*-C Grades: 67%

Choosing French will encourage you to develop an interest and enthusiasm for the history, politics and culture of France. It will help you to improve your understanding of French grammar and to use it confidently for a range of purposes.

You should be willing to justify your ideas during class discussions and in written essays, and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

**Level:** Level 3

### Specific Course Entry Requirements:

College entry to include a minimum GCSE Grade B in French (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 36 of the prospectus for further details).

**Exam Board:** AQA

### What will I study?

In the first year, you will study a range of topics including: changes in French society, the world of work, the French education system, music, the media and French festivals. You will also gain a deeper understanding of grammar and translation skills.

In the second year, you will study a range of topics including:

Multicultural French society, the challenges of immigration and integration, the rise of the Far Right

France from 1940-50 including the occupation, the resistance movement, the Vichy Regime. You will study a French novel and a film. You will also carry out an individual research project on a cultural theme that you are interested in and conduct your own wider reading and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

### How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Translation 50%

Paper 2 – Writing 20%

Paper 3 – Speaking 30%

### Where will this course lead me?

Studying French will give students excellent career opportunities and life-long skills in today's global market. Knowledge of another language makes students more employable by standing out from the crowd. Employers value the transferable skills that linguists demonstrate. French is a subject that can be combined with Arts, Business, Law, Science and many other subjects for entry into Higher Education. It prepares you for careers that require good communication skills in a global environment such as Business, Management, Law, Engineering, International Marketing, Teaching and Journalism.

### What support will I receive?

As a department we take pride in the level of support we offer our students. You will have a conversation class with a native speaker every week and extra sessions are arranged to help with revision, prior to your exams. Tutors are always on hand to provide help if you need it.

### What is the department like?

We are an enthusiastic and dynamic department whose aim is to share our passion for learning languages with students, helping them to realise their potential and encourage their goals. Our language lessons are stimulating and enjoyable. We also have a dedicated languages classroom.

### Enrichment opportunities

Trips to the Annual Languages Day at Manchester Metropolitan University, an email link with a college in our twin town of Angers in France, regular conversation classes with a native speaker in a friendly atmosphere, are all opportunities we offer to boost both your confidence and language skills.

### Head of Department

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### Tutors

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