

A LEVEL FRENCH

Choosing French will allow you to develop excellent French language skills, as well as an interest and enthusiasm for the history, politics and culture of France. It will help you to improve your understanding of French grammar to give you confidence to communicate in a variety of situations. You should be willing to justify your ideas during class discussions and in written essays, and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include a minimum GCSE grade 6 in French, (please refer to the Entry Requirements section for further details).

Students must also have been entered for higher papers at GCSE.

How will I be assessed?

- Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Translation 50%
- Paper 2 – Writing 20%
- Paper 3 – Speaking 30%

What will I study?

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

- Changes in society, the role of volunteering, the importance of heritage, music and the importance of cinema in the French speaking world.
- You will have dedicated speaking lessons to improve your confidence and fluency when discussing a range of topics
- You will study a French film.
- 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 society, the challenges of immigration and integration, the engagement of young people in politics, the role of strikes and demonstrations in the French speaking world and how criminals are dealt with in French speaking societies.
- You will also study a French novel.
- You will also carry out an individual research project on a cultural theme that you are interested in and conduct your

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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 almost any other subject for entry into Higher Education and employment.

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.

In addition to your A level French course St John Rigby College is proud to be in a unique position in the local area to be able to offer Arabic for the first time for our students. Thanks to funding awarded by The British Council and The Qatar Foundation, we are offering an entry level, extra-curricular course, which can lead to a recognised Level 1 qualification. This is something we encourage all our linguists to take part in.

We are also offering this opportunity to Year 10 and Year 11 students in our partner secondary schools. These lessons take place via Teams with our Arabic teacher and are a wonderful way for those studying a GCSE language to take on an additional language or new challenge, or equally for those who are not studying a GCSE language to learn the basics of one of the world's most spoken languages.

