





About the course

A Level Languages provide a broad understanding of the culture, countries and communities where modern foreign languages are spoken and encourage enjoyment of language learning.

Year 12 Content:

Aspects of French-speaking society: family, digital world, youth culture, film and music.

Artistic culture in the French-speaking world: festivals, art and architecture, travel and tourism around France and its French-speaking colonies or departments.

Charity work and helping those who are vulnerable or marginalised. Film: La Haine – a critically acclaimed film set in the suburbs of Paris during the 1990s. The film shows an honest and at times, explosive picture of inner city life for young people.

Grammar – will revise and go beyond that of GCSE.

Year 13 Content:

Multiculturalism: immigration, integration, racism Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world: France and the EU, Youth and politics, unions, work-related issues, protests and rights.

Crime, justice and the law.

Literary text: 'Kiffe kiffe demain' – an open, frank and humorous account of daily life and struggles of a teenage Arabic girl living in Paris. You will discuss this whilst looking at the background to the setting, culture and social context of this book.

Grammar – a revision of AS, moving onto university level.

Assessment

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course. There are three exam papers:

Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing - Listening and responding to spoken passages. Reading and responding to passages. Translation into English. Students are in charge of operating the recordings.

Paper 2 – Writing – Writing about a novel and film and translating into French.

Paper 3 – Speaking – Speaking card on a topic studied and research project.

Careers

Being fluent in two or more languages opens up the door to a variety of job opportunities not available to monolingual job candidates. More than 300 million people speak French on the five continents. French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. Additional opportunities exist in marketing, transportation, administration, sales, retail, banking, education, law, communication, public relations, tourism and government.

French is also an analytical language that structures thought and develops critical thinking, which is a valuable skill for discussions and negotiations.

Entry Requirements

You will need to be a higher candidate at GCSE French and achieve at least a grade 6.



Find Out More

If you have any questions about A level French, please do not hesitate to get in touch: <u>brin.reece@whitleybayhighschool.org</u>

