
French



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Exam Board

WJEC Equqas A Level French

Why study French?

Studying French is fun and rewarding. Lessons focus primarily on communication and are very interactive. Our exam results are well above the national average so with commitment and hard work, you will do well. French A Level offers so many possibilities as it is an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and the International Court of Justice. Did you know 125 million people in over 45 countries use French on a daily basis? French culture is world-renowned. France is famous for its philosophers, literature, films, cuisine, fashion, art and architecture.

Course Outline

The A Level course encourages students to:

- Communicate confidently in French both through the spoken and written word
- Develop insights into the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where French is spoken

The course develops the four skills of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing and is based around 4 themes:

1. Being a young person in French-speaking society
2. Diversity and difference
3. Understanding the French-speaking world
4. France 1940-50: The Occupation and post-war years

Assessment

Assessment takes place at the end of Year 13:

Component 1 - Speaking (30%)

- A structured discussion based on a short-written stimulus linked to one of the four A Level themes mentioned above
- An Oral Exposé and discussion. Candidates give a short presentation on an independent research project of their choice. This can be related to a book or film or an area of French life which interests them. This is followed by a discussion on the topic of the exposé and related issues
- The test is conducted by a visiting examiner

Where are they now?

Recent students of French at CRGS have gone on to study:

- Engineering (*Cambridge*)
- French and German (*Manchester*)
- French Studies and History (*Birmingham*)
- International Business Studies with French (*Northumbria*)
- Law (*Nottingham*)
- Liberal Arts (*Warwick*)
- Medicine (*Nottingham*)
- Medieval and Modern Languages (*Cambridge*)
- Modern Languages and Cultures (*Durham*)
- Natural Sciences (*Durham*)

Component 2 - Listening, Reading and Translation (50%)

- Listening - This part of the examination focuses on the ability to understand and respond to extracts drawn from a range of everyday situations such as brief conversations, news items, interviews and reports. Candidates are issued with individual CDs. They have control of the recordings and are able to stop and replay them at any time
- Reading - The examination is based on a number of items taken from newspapers, magazines and advertisements
- Students are asked to translate short texts from French into English and English into French

Component 3 - Critical and analytical response in Writing (20%)

- Students study the film “Les Choristes” and the book “No et moi” by Delphine de Vigan. They must write essays of about 300 words on each, in French

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any previous knowledge required to study this subject?

Students must have at least grade 6 in French GCSE.

Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

Q. What opportunities are there for Extended Learning?

French is used as much as possible in lessons. We use authentic items from French radio, television, magazines, newspapers and the internet. Students have the opportunity to do a French work experience placement either at the end of Year 12 or early in Year 13.

Q. What facilities are there?

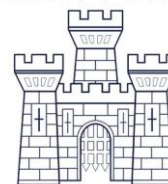
Students have access to an online text book and laptops with headphones in the MFL rooms and there is also a French Language Assistant whose role is to assist pupils with developing their spoken French. Students spend one hour a week with the French assistant in small groups to prepare for the Speaking exam.

Exam Board Specification

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