



**Subject: FRENCH**

**Exam Board: WJEC**

**Levels available: AS (1 Year) and A2 (2 Years)**

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## Course Information:

### \* What do I need to know or be able to do before choosing this subject?

You will need a good grade at GCSE—usually an A or B, but your teachers will advise you on this. You need to be determined to work hard to build up your language skills. A willingness to speak French is essential and openness of mind to other cultures and traditions is desirable. In addition to your timetabled lessons you will have one hour a week in a small group with the French assistant.

### \* What do the courses consist of and how will I be assessed?

#### AS (Advanced Subsidiary) Specification

This is the first half of the full A level course. If you and your teacher agree that it's best for you, you can take the AS level on its own during or at the end of Year 12. The final grade will count towards entry to Further/Higher Education.

The AS level is made up of three units:

#### **Unit A: LEISURE**

Areas studied include tourism and travel, sport, hobbies, entertainment with specific reference to France and French-speaking countries as appropriate.

#### **Unit B: EDUCATION**

You will cover school, further education, higher education and careers with specific reference to France and French speaking countries as appropriate.

#### **Unit C: YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOCIETY**

Topics include relationships, gender issues, drugs, AIDS with specific reference to France and French-speaking countries as appropriate.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

<b>FR1</b>	Oral examination	12-14 minutes	(30% of AS, 15% of A2)
<b>FR2</b>	Listening and responding	90 minutes	(30% of AS, 15% of A2)
<b>FR3</b>	Reading and responding	1½ hours	(40% of AS, 20% of A2)

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### **Advanced Level (AS and A2) Specification**

The full Advanced level qualification is made up of the 3 AS Units plus 3 more Units studies at A2 level. If you decide to continue with the second half of the course in Year 13, you will study the following additional Units:

#### **Unit D: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

Topics may include contemporary France and other French-speaking countries, current affairs, EU, world of work, employment, immigration.

#### **Unit E: THE MEDIA**

You will cover areas such as newspapers, television, radio, the Internet with specific reference to France and other French-speaking countries.

#### **Unit F: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Topics will include pollution, conservation, energy, transport with specific reference to France and other French-speaking countries.

### **ASSESSMENT**

FR4	Oral examination	15-20 minutes	(15% of A2)
FR5	Cultural Studies Option		(20% of A2)
FR6	Listening, reading and responding	3 hours	(15% of A2)

#### **\* How could I develop Key Skills by doing this course?**

As well as covering the study of **French**, the AS/A2 courses will enable you to develop key skills. Your teacher will let you know if a particular piece of work also accounts for Key Skills assessment as well as for **French** assessment. You will need to keep evidence of this work in Portfolio for assessment later if you wish to gain Key Skills qualification. During this course examples of key skills could include.

**Communication:** eg presentation of topic, extended role plays, letter writing skills;

**Information and Communication Technology:** using Internet for research and production of topic presentation, e-mailing link establishments, producing video clips;

**Improving own learning and performance:** eg self-study using Eurolab.

#### **\* What could I go on to do after the course?**

There is an ever-increasing number of further/higher courses on offer where French is a component of the degree. Many of our former students have continued with French at university, combining it with Law, Business Marketing, Media Studies, B Ed and so on. Others have gone on to use A level French as an entry qualification into jobs in accountancy, personnel work, travel and tourism and finance.