

# **AS/A2 Level French**

**Teachers:** 3 teachers and a conversation lesson with the French assistant

After the GCSE you have proved that you can communicate in French. Now it is time to learn about the society and culture of France and other French speaking countries. You will read French literature and study topical issues. You need to be aware of what is in the news and you need to take an interest in things, which may be different in foreign parts. You must be prepared to look at topics, have an opinion and be able to defend the stance you choose.

## **Units**

4 units to the course, 2 units in AS and 2 units in A2

### **AS**

**Unit 1:** *Listening, Reading and Writing* 2 hours

**Unit 2:** *Speaking* 15 minutes + 20 minutes preparation time

### **A2**

**Unit 3:** *Listening, Reading and Writing* 2.5 hours

**Unit 4:** *Speaking* 15 minutes + 20 minutes preparation time

Most tasks in the exam require a response in French. Dictionaries are not allowed in the exams. Lessons are usually conducted in French. Skills and grammar are learned within the following topics:

## **AS topic areas**

### **Media**

*TV, advertising and communication technology*

### **Popular culture**

*Cinema, music and fashion/trends*

### **Healthy living/lifestyle**

*Sport/exercise, health and well-being and holidays*

### **Family/relationships**

*Relationships within the family, friendships and marriage/partnerships.*

## **A2 topic areas**

All of the above plus:

### **The Environment and Citizenship**

*Pollution, energy and protecting the planet*

### **The multi-cultural society**

*Immigration, integration and racism*

### **Contemporary social issues**

*Wealth and poverty, law and order and the impact of scientific and technological progress*

### **Cultural topic**

*The study of a target language speaking region/community or*

*The study of a period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community*  
or

*The study of a novelist/dramatist/poet from a target language-speaking country/community or*

*The study of a director/architect/musician/painter from a target language-speaking country/  
community.*

## **Activities**

Activities include debates, watching videos, listening to cassettes in French on A Level topics, reading articles from a variety of newspapers and magazines, learning about the culture and the geography of French-speaking countries, songs, writing discursive and creative essays. learning about and applying grammatical concepts, working independently, in pairs and in groups, taking the initiative, pursuing personal interests, watching French films and satellite TV and writing critiques, making videos, visiting the French Institute, working with the French assistant, etc.

## **Homework**

Students have to complete regular homework assignments to practise each skill and to develop their knowledge on the topic areas. Reading and writing assignments are given weekly but listening and speaking assignments are also given on a regular basis. Students have to learn lists of vocabulary. Many grammar rules will need to be committed to memory. Verbs must be thoroughly learnt!

**Nous espérons que vous allez bien vous amuser en français  
et que vous allez trouver le travail enrichissant!**