



Kimberley
School



A Level
FRENCH

SIXTH FORM
MFL

The French Language

French is a Romance language originally spoken in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Switzerland, and today by about 300 million people around the world as either a native or a second language, with significant populations in 54 countries. It is an official language in 29 countries, most of which form what is called in French 'La Francophonie', the community of French-speaking nations.

Who is it for?

- For students who have an interest in learning French and who want to have an insight into another culture and society.
- For students who would like to enhance employment prospects and facilitate foreign travel.

All students are required to have achieved in their GCSE a 7,8 or 9 grade

* Students who have achieved a 6 grade are welcome to study French but extra independent study will be required during the first year of study.

What will I study?

During Y12:

Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends

- The changing nature of family
- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work

Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary francophone music
- Cinema: the 7th art form

During Y13:

Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power?
- Politics and immigration



Grammar

A-level students will study the grammatical system and structure of the language. The end of the course exams will test their use of accurate grammar and structures appropriate to the tasks set, drawing from the lists in the specification.

Additional content

During Y12: Students study one film.

During Y13: Students study one book in addition to the film.

Individual research topic during Y13: Students conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where French is spoken.

How will I be assessed?

A level assessments with a total marks out of 400.

Paper one

Written exam (2.5 hours), 100 marks; 50% of A-level marks through mark scaling:

- Listening and writing (responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources) covering different registers (30 marks).
- Reading and writing (responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes), drawn from a range of sources (70 marks).
- Translation into English & French are included in the reading & writing section.

Paper two

Written exam (2 hours), 80 marks; 20% of A-level marks

One question on the book with a choice of two questions and one question on the film with a choice of two questions :

Section A – books

Section B – films

Students must answer one question from **Section A** and one from **Section B**

Paper three

Speaking (21-23 minutes, including 5 minutes' preparation time at the start of the test), 60 marks; 30% of A-level marks through mark scaling:

- Discussion of a sub-theme based on a stimulus card (5-6 minutes), from a choice of two cards, studied for 5 minutes before the test begins (25 marks).
- Presentation (2 minutes) (10 marks) followed by discussion of individual research project (9-10 minutes) (25 marks).

Please see Mrs Tenreiro or Mrs Panczuk for further details

