GRADE INDICATOR
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Candidates are expected to possess a Higher Grade pass at GCSE (minimum Grade B) in their chosen AS/A2 subject, together with course tutor recommendation.

PROSPECTS
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At the end of the course there will be a range of opportunities open to you. You may wish to choose to follow a degree course in French or a Higher Education course in another subject, with French alongside it.

High level language skills are a valuable asset across many sectors in commerce and industry. The UK relies upon being able to communicate with partners in a variety of languages and both French and German are in the top 5 languages required for successful future trading relationships.*

By studying a language at AS or A Level students will greatly improve their employability and enhance their career prospects. Language study at this level allows students to acquire skills that can be used in fields such as engineering and science, journalism and media, cyber security, education, international relations and law among others.

*British Council: Languages for the Future: Report 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Languages Learning Area

Course Director: Mrs Jo Bewley

COURSE DETAILS
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You will learn to communicate at a higher level in French and develop the four language skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking. You will also broaden your knowledge of the contemporary society and cultural background of France and other French speaking countries.

Unit 1 (AS): Speaking Non-exam assessment:
12-15 minutes, 12% of qualification.
Task 1 Arguing a point of view based on a written stimulus card (5-6 minutes).
Task 2 Discussion based on a second written stimulus card (7-9 minutes).

Unit 2 (AS): Listening, reading and translation written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 28% of qualification. Critical response in writing, 1 hour 30 minutes, 13% of qualification. One essay question based on the study of one film from the prescribed list.

Areas of interest
(i) Social Issues and Trends
(ii) Political, Intellectual and Artistic Culture.

Theme 1: (AS) Being a young person in French speaking society.
- Family structures, traditional and modern values, friendships / relationships.
- Youth trends, issues and personal identity.
- Educational and employment opportunities.

Theme 2: (AS) Understanding the French speaking world.

- Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities
- France, Canada, Switzerland and French Overseas Territories in a European context.
- Literature, Art, film and music in the French speaking world.

A LEVEL
Unit 3: Speaking assessment 12 minutes, 18% of qualification.
Unit 4: Listening, reading and translation, 2 hours, 30% of qualification.
Unit 5: Written examination based on the book studied, 1 hour 30 minutes, 12% of qualification.

Theme 3: (A Level) Diversity and difference.
- Migration and integration.
- Cultural identity and marginalisation.
- Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference.
- Discrimination and diversity.

Theme 4: (A Level) France 1940 - 1950:
The Occupation and the post-war years.
- From June 1940 - May 1945 (occupation, liberation and the end of World War II).
- Life in Occupied France and the cultural dimension (theatre, cinema, literature).
- 1945- 1950: rebuilding and restructuring.
- Repercussions for modern day France.

BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS
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You will need to be interested in developing your knowledge and understanding of the culture and society of France and other French-speaking countries.
You will also need to have a desire to improve your communication skills through personal reading of (French newspapers, magazines etc), listening to French broadcasts and accessing French web sites.

SKILLS REQUIRED
SGILIAU GOFYNNOL

You will need to feel confident in all four language skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking.
You will need to be able to analyse the grammatical structure of the language.
You will need to show a capacity for personal study and consistent application.
You will need to be able to participate in group work.
You will need to be willing to develop your ICT skills.

SUITABILITY / CYFADDASRWYDD

If you are interested in languages and communication, and you enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life, then this course could be suitable for you. Similarly, if you are interested in the business world, in travel or tourism or in journalism and the media, then you are likely to find this course appropriate. Whether you want to use French for work, for further study, training or for leisure, this course will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge.