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FRENCH (A LEVEL)

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The course for A level French is designed to continue to build on your interest in and enthusiasm for language learning. You learn to communicate your ideas and points of view on an interesting and exciting range of topics in a confident and effective manner. Furthermore, as the course provides an excellent basis for the further study of languages at degree level, we encourage you to consider degrees in the French language or the highly popular combined Honours degrees and the possibilities of using French in future employment, either in the UK or overseas.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

Assessment	Overview	Marks	%
21-23m	Component 1 - Speaking Exam	60	30
2:30	Component 2 - Listening, Reading and Translation Exam	100	50
2:00	Component 3 - Written Exam	40	20

Students will deepen their knowledge of the French language and culture, including modern French society, social issues and the political, intellectual and artistic culture in post-war France. Study is facilitated through study of the film *Intouchable* and the novel *No et moi*.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

During the French A level course you will work on a wide range of skills in a variety of settings using authentic resources to enhance knowledge and understanding of the French-speaking world. The A level French course enables you to:

- enhance your linguistic skills and develop language learning skills and strategies;
- develop knowledge and understanding about matters central to the society and culture of France and French speaking communities, past and present;
- engage critically with intellectually stimulating texts, films, literature and other materials in the original language;
- equip yourself with transferable skills such as autonomy, resourcefulness, creativity, critical thinking, and linguistic, cultural and cognitive flexibility that will enable you to proceed to further study or to employment

There is the option of taking part in the Lille Christmas market trip where A level students are often interpreters for younger

QUOTE

"Learning another language is an essential life skill, and the department at Rushcliffe can fully accommodate this. I have been able to gain a greater insight into French culture in a friendly and interesting environment."

Rushcliffe students, the trip also includes a two hour language workshop at the University of Lille. We equally aim to provide you with the opportunity to practise your spoken French with a Language Assistant. These sessions are regular and offer you the chance to speak French outside the classroom, receive targeted feedback and increase confidence prior to the speaking exam.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Giving up on languages too soon is a regret that many people have when they enter the world of work and find their ambitions curtailed by the fact that they can only communicate in English. In our increasingly competitive global marketplace, the demand for language skills is ever present and employers are recognising the value of multi-lingual employees who have the skills and flexibility to operate in international environments.

A foreign language, whether spoken fluently or conversationally, can give access to a much wider range of jobs in the UK and overseas. For example, a marketing professional in a global firm is likely to be much more successful if they are able to communicate with foreign companies in their own language; a journalist is much more able to write an effective article if they are able to interview people in their own language and have some understanding of their culture.

ADDITIONAL EXAM BOARD DETAILS

<https://bm03.short.gy/pAaDXl>

PREVIOUS GRADES

Exam Board: Eduqas

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	Totals
2022*	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2023	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2024	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	6

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 5 in English Literature and in English Language
- Grade 6 in French