

# french

## A Level French Awarding Body: Edexcel

### Course content

The following topic areas are covered over the 2 year course:

**Topic 1:** Changes in French society – family life, education, the world of work

**Topic 2:** Political culture and the Arts in French speaking countries – music, the Media, festivals and traditions.

**Topic 3:** Immigration and the multicultural society in France – the positive impact of immigration on French society, the challenges of immigration and integration, the Far Right.

**Topic 4:** The Occupation and the Resistance during WW2 – Occupied France, the Vichy government, the French Resistance. At A Level, students are required to study two works: one literary text and one film in the French language.

### Assessment

**Paper 1:** Listening, reading and translation into English

2 hour written exam

40% of qualification

80 marks

**Paper 2:** Written response to works and translation into French

Written exam of 2 hours 40 minutes

30% of the qualification

120 marks

**Paper 3:** Speaking – discussion on one of the four topics plus independent

research presentation and discussion

23 minutes (includes 5 minutes'

preparation time)

30% of qualification

72 marks

### Progression:

French has strong cross-curricular links with many other subjects and is highly valued by universities and future employers. University courses such as Medicine and Engineering favour students who have studied a language as it shows an ability to communicate and provides the opportunity to study/work abroad and/or to work for an International company at home or abroad. Studying a language improves understanding of your own language and develops understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

### Entry requirements:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE French.

