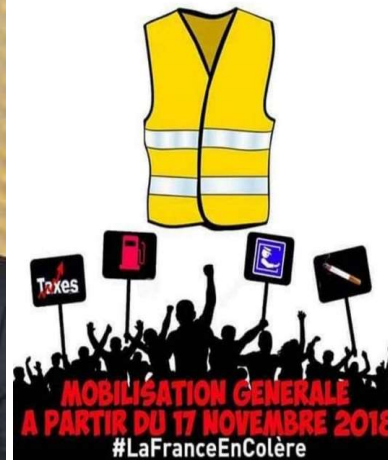




**Bloxham School**

# French

A Level



# Why choose this subject?



- A level French is ideal for students who are interested in what makes people tick.
- There are fascinating insights into the modern day and historical culture of French speaking countries – le monde francophone.
- Students can move away from transactional GCSE language and learn how to confidently engage in a conversation about politics, French cinema or the state of the environment.
- There is a broad range of topics to encourage curiosity and deeper understanding.
- There are forays into the worlds of music, cinema, literature and art.

# The nature of the course



- Examination board: AQA
- Course contents: topics in L6 include; la famille changeante, la cybersociété, le bénévolat, le patrimoine, la musique contemporaine, le cinéma.
- In Upper Sixth students study le multiculturalisme, les marginalisés de la société, la criminalité et les prisons, la politique, le syndicalisme et l'immigration.
- There will be study of a novel and film as part of the written and speaking exam.

# Examination structure



- The AQA A Level exam is in three parts.
  - Paper one – Listening, Reading and Writing (translation from French to English and English to French).
  - Paper two – Writing – two essays in French on the novel and film studied.
  - Paper three – Speaking – a card on one of the A level topics for discussion and debate in French; an Individual Research Project (IRP) on an aspect of modern life from le monde francophone.

# With which subjects can it be combined?



- French can be combined with all sorts of different A level subjects: History, Politics, Geography, English Literature, Theology, Spanish, Psychology, Economics, Maths, Art, Business Studies, Sciences. The possibilities are endless.
- French at A Level develops excellent transferable thinking skills which can be applied across curriculum areas and used in Higher Education and the workplace.

# What do we expect from candidates?



- Candidates must be curious about culture, people, ways of life in different countries, language and communication.
- We expect engagement in the contemporary and historical political, artistic, economic and social life of francophone countries.
- Candidates must be prepared to do independent research and to keep abreast of all issues in the media.
- Immersion in everything the francophone world has to offer will reap dividends in terms of breadth and depth of knowledge.

# Higher Education and Careers?



- The world is your oyster if you speak a language other than English!
- You will be more adaptable learners of other languages too and can study numerous languages from scratch at university.
- Many universities offer exciting courses which combine languages with politics, law, business, journalism and the humanities.
- There are opportunities for study abroad as part of degree courses.
- Jobs which require bi and tri-linguism are plentiful in the European Union and other major European institutions.
- The financial sector and corporate businesses favour graduates with language skills.

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