

Pupils have the opportunity to discover different aspects of the French-speaking world, including its language, literature, film and culture.

A minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE French is required for any girls considering this subject.

THE COURSE

This is a well-rounded and motivating course which will enable pupils to develop an advanced knowledge and understanding of the French language, the culture of France and other Francophone countries, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills.

Topics covered include changes in French society (family, education, work), Art and Political culture (music, media, freedom of speech, festivals and traditions), immigration and the French multicultural society (impact of immigration, the far-right political party), History (French Occupation, the Vichy Regime and the Resistance). Pupils will also study the novel, *No et moi* by Delphine de Vigan and the film *La Haine* by Mathieu Kassovitz.

Ideally, pupils should be good linguists with a desire to improve their fluency, an enthusiasm to learn about different cultures and to communicate.

ASSESSMENTS

- **Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Translation**
40% (1 hr 45 mins)
- **Paper 2 - Writing and Translating into French**
30% (1 hr 40 mins)
- **Oral**
30% (between 21 and 23 minutes, which includes a single period of 5 minutes formal preparation time)

BEYOND THE COURSE

By studying a modern foreign language, a variety of degree courses are open to you. Most universities offer a wide range of combined courses with languages; for instance: History and French, Psychology and French, or more business-oriented courses alongside a new language. On the other hand, of course, if you wish to specialise in languages then it is ideal to be able to offer one or even two languages at A Level. There are a huge number of possibilities at university, with a year abroad often included in the courses. A language will additionally raise your profile in the job market.