



HARLINGTON
UPPER SCHOOL

Creating ambitious, altruistic and accountable leaders

A LEVEL FRENCH

EXAM BOARD: AQA

KS5 Leader: Mrs D Lambert

Course Entry Requirements:
GCSE Grade 4 in French
Recommended a Grade 5



Course Outline and Assessments

Learning a language is refreshing and challenging because it is a unique approach to study and during lessons students have the opportunity to converse in French and improve self-awareness and self-confidence. At A-level, candidates study a variety of topics about which they need to demonstrate knowledge and opinion in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). This enables them to develop an understanding of the contemporary society, the culture and the heritage of countries where French is spoken. Students will also gain cultural awareness of the country through the study of a literary text and a film. This subject will further enable a candidate to communicate clearly, confidently and effectively in the language in a variety of situations. It also provides students with important skills such as team work and independent learning. French is a great choice for students who will benefit from the opportunity to work within a small group and who enjoy interactive study and seek a challenge!

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 50% of final grade 150 minute exam	Listening, reading and translation
Paper 2 20% of final grade 120 minute exam	Written response to a text and film
Paper 3 30% of final grade 21 - 23 minute exam	Speaking

LEARNING STRATEGIES

- ✓ Listening practice
- ✓ Reading comprehension
- ✓ Translation
- ✓ Written response to a text and film
- ✓ Speaking practice



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COURSE DETAILS



Paper 1

Candidates will need to be able to respond to a variety of spoken and written sources and to use the language to express ideas and opinions. We will look closely at the grammar of the language in order for students to develop their translation skills.

Topics will include:

- The changing nature of family
- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work
- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated
- The culture and heritage of France
- Contemporary francophone music
- French cinema
- Teenagers and the right to vote
- French politics and immigration

Paper 2

Students will study a film and a literary text in depth.

Paper 3

Students will develop their speaking skills using the topics studied for Paper 1.

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