



French

Course objectives

- Languages are all around us; they are used in so many situations whether at work, on holiday or just casually in day-to-day life. We live in a multilingual global society.
- Learning a language is a life skill that so many value and wish they had. It is also one that many have to pay for when they did not have the opportunity to learn a language as well as a language is taught at Ringwood School.
- Choosing an A-level language is a great choice if you want a fascinating subject that offers a range of career possibilities. It is also a lot of fun along the way and it says a lot about you as a person, e.g. that you are a people-person, respectful of others and their cultures and a great communicator.
- Our language courses are varied in what we study and they give you a broad range of knowledge and skills such as problem-solving, resilience and risk-taking which are highly regarded by universities and employers alike.

Main qualifications

- A Level

Awarding Body

- Edexcel

Other compulsory qualifications

- None

Duration/ Lessons per week

- 10 x 1 hour lessons over a two week timetable (One weekly one-to-one speaking session)

Standard entry requirements

Minimum grade 6 GCSE French

Progression opportunities

- Studying a language now will facilitate the study of other languages in the future whether that be at university or in your career.
- You never know when you will need to know a language in the future and learning a language at A-level suits so many other subjects.
- You may need languages for all sorts of career destinations, e.g. doctors, vets, psychologists, physiotherapists, entrepreneurs, bankers, geographers, historians, politicians and holiday reps. These are some examples where language skills are needed to communicate effectively with patients and clients whether you'll work in the UK or overseas. What you will see is that studying a language is not just the study of the language itself but also the study of people and their cultures.
- Many universities offer a course where you can study another subject, e.g. business, biology or mathematics, with a language to continue that progression on through.



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Course content

- The topics that you will cover are really varied so you not only greatly improve your language speaking ability, use of grammar, different tenses, and know a great deal more vocabulary - but you also learn about a whole range of cultural topics and contemporary social issues. In addition to this, you will study a book and a film.
- The course content involves: The evolution of French society (family, education, world of work). French culture and Francophonie (music, media, custom and traditions), immigration, France in the Second World War—occupation and resistance

Assessment

- Three papers:
- Listening, reading, translation: 2 hours, 40% of the A level
- Written response to works and translation: 2 hours 40 minutes, 30% of the A level
- Speaking: 21-23 minutes, 30% of the A level

Costs

- Students will need to purchase the book that they will study which costs around £8
- There will be other revision resources which can be purchased.

Additional information

- We organise and enjoy French-themed events to help students develop their cultural capital.
- We recommend as much immersion in the language and culture as possible.

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