



URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL
& WIMBLEDON COLLEGE
SIXTH FORM

FRENCH

at Ursuline High School

LEVEL: A level

EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION NUMBERS: 7652 (Alevel)

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WHAT WILL I STUDY IN THIS SUBJECT?

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

Paper 2: Writing

Paper 3: Speaking

THEMES AND TOPICS COVERED

Theme 1- Social issues and Trends:

Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends and issues

Theme 2- Political and Artistic culture in the French-speaking world.

Grammar

Literary texts and films

WHAT SKILLS AND INTERESTS DO I NEED FOR THIS SUBJECT?

This course provides a broad area of study and if you are interested in learning to communicate in French, if you love learning about the French-speaking world, this course could well be what you need.

The course looks at technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. You will study highlights of French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the French-speaking world.

We also explore the influence of the past on present-day French-speaking communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. You will also study texts and films and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice. There is also the opportunity to be subsidised to spend a week long work experience in France in February.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Paper	Assessment Objectives				Total for all assessment objectives
	AO1 %	AO2 %	AO3 %	AO4 %	

Paper 1- 2 hour 30 minutes	12.5	27.5	10		50% of ALevel
Paper 2- 2 hours			10	10	20% of ALevel
Paper 3- 21-23 minutes (including 5 minute preparation time)	7.5	2.5	10	10	30% of ALevel
Total for GCE A Level	20	30	30	20	100%

WHAT OTHER SUBJECTS COMBINE WELL WITH THIS SUBJECT?

All languages Maths/ Science Economics History
English Geography Business Studies Politics

These are some of the subjects that go well with French, but any subject combines well with a modern language and you may well want to study any other subject at university along with a module of French. Many employers will favour a candidate who has a language competence at A level and beyond.

TO WHAT FURTHER OR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD?

- à Single language degree / Joint language degree
- à Degree in language with Law, History, English, Business Studies, Marketing
- à Diploma in Tourism
- à Banking
- à European Studies
- à Management consultancy

WHAT CAREERS COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD TO?

French A Level could open the door to all sorts of career opportunities, including:

- à Media / Journalism
- à Publishing
- à World of Education
- à Translation / Interpreting
- à Computer Programming
- à Diplomatic Service, NATO / UN /EU
- à Import / Export
- à Business and Marketing
- à Fashion industry
- à Finance industry

RECOMMENDED READING:

- à *Use the Internet to read French news and current affairs in francophone countries.*
- à *Read French magazines/newspapers.*
- à *Key contemporary and classical texts.*

USEFUL LINKS:

- <http://www.rfi.fr>
- <http://www.lemonde.fr>
- <http://www.liberation.fr>
- <http://www.tv5monde.fr>
- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>
- http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/post16/why_languages
- <http://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/oct/16/language-graduates-jobs>

ENTRY CRITERIA

Please refer to the Entry Criteria Insert to understand the Pathway requirements.

The entry criteria for this subject is: Grade 6 in French GCSE.