

French

A Level French	Course Content	Assessment
Year 1	<p>You will develop your understanding of the French language and improve your skills in reading, listening and writing in the target language. You will be given a solid foundation of grammar and will study various tenses. The language will not be studied in isolation but through a range of current and interesting topics.</p> <p>You will boost your speaking skills by regular practice both in class and in specialist speaking tutorials so that you are able to speak spontaneously on a wide range of topics.</p>	
Year 2	<p>You will continue to build your grasp of the language by strengthening your understanding of the concepts met in year 1, improving your range and accuracy and handling more advanced French, such as articles from quality newspapers. You will also engage in the cultural aspect by studying a French book and a French film.</p> <p>You will carry on practising your spoken French in the same way as you did in year 1.</p> <p>Throughout the course you will use a wide range of resources from course books to videos, from audio tracks to interactive exercises.</p>	<p>2 Written examinations testing reading, writing and listening skills plus the cultural aspect.</p> <p>1 Speaking examination: one-to-one with an external examiner.</p>

Where are they now?

Charlotte Corkhill

Charlotte studied French, Biology and Chemistry and took part in the College trip to Montpellier in the south of France.

She is now studying Medical Science and French at Newcastle University.



Where are they now?

Liam Bale

Liam studied Maths, French, Physics and Chemistry at both AS and A2 level then went on to study "Chemical Engineering with a Year Abroad MEng" at Imperial College, London. He spent his 4th year studying abroad at INP-ENSIACET in Toulouse, France then completed a "stage de fin d'études" with ExxonMobil in La Défense, Paris, working in Logistics.

Upon graduation Liam started his career with ExxonMobil in the UK, working in Gas and Power Marketing as an Analyst.



Learning outside the classroom

There are tutorials for support and extension every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime with staff and A2 mentors.

Le Club d'actualités françaises meets on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Online resources for independent study are available.

Work experience trips with Halsbury Travel are highly encouraged and some years, the department has been able to offer a College trip to Montpellier in the south of France: an action-packed week of classes with native French teachers combined with an array of afternoon and evening excursions and activities.

Study Support

When you enrol we'll make sure that you're receiving all the support you need, for example you may be entitled to extra time in your exams, you may benefit from working with a dyslexia tutor or you may simply need help with organising your time, notes and many booklets!

Academic Challenge

If you are keen to continue with French at University you will receive help with choosing which university and which course is right for you, we will support your development of interview skills, guide you to further reading or viewing, challenge you with additional discussion and inspire you with activities and trips.

Ex Winstanley students already studying this subject at university will visit and tell you the real story and we usually try and organise a visit to Manchester University's French Department so that you can get an idea of what studying French at University level entails.

From school pupil to Winstanley student

Most students have already achieved at least a B grade in French at GCSE. You should be prepared to tackle grammar, learn vocabulary and the different tenses and to work hard and enjoy your studies.

- Taster Days in July will enable you to see what a typical French lesson is like.

- Recommended reading: download the AQA GCSE specifications from here and learn some of the vocab from pages 20 – 46 <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/french/gcse/french-4655>