

### Careers?

French will increase your chances of a good career in areas such as journalism, public relations, law, banking, tourism and publishing.

### Examinations

**Speaking: 12-15 minutes:** This includes two tasks; arguing a point of view based on a stimulus, a discussion based on a different stimulus.

**Listening, reading and translating:** This involves listening comprehension, reading comprehension and translation task from French into English. Time allowed is 1hr 30 mins.

**Writing:** A critical response in writing which involves two essays based on the study of a French film. Time allowed is 1hr 30 mins.

### You will study one of the following films:



Aki Kaurismäki:  
Le Havre (2011)



Roselyn Bosch:  
La Rafle (2010)



Laurent Cantet:  
La Classe (2008)

### Why Learn French?

- More than 220 million people speak French around the world. It is the sixth most widely spoken language in the world.
- French and English are the only languages taught in every country in the world. France operates the biggest international network of cultural institutes, which run French-language courses for close on a million learners.
- French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature in the original French, as well as films and songs.
- France is the world's top tourist destination and attracts more than 79,5 million visitors a year. Speaking French makes it so much more enjoyable to visit. It also comes in handy when travelling to Africa, Switzerland, Canada, Monaco and the Seychelles.
- Speaking French opens up study opportunities at renowned French universities and business schools. Students with a good level of French are eligible for French government grants to enroll in postgraduate courses in France in the discipline of their choice and qualify for internationally recognised degrees.
- French is a good base for learning other languages, such as Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian. Did you know that 50% of current English vocabulary is derived from French?
- French is an analytical language that structures thought and develops critical thinking, which is a valuable skill for discussions and negotiations.

For more information about the new AS / A Level course specification download the specification from our website at:

<https://www.crickhowell-hs.powys.sch.uk/elibrary/mfl-faculty-elibrary/>



## French AS / A Level



"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages opens every door along the way" - Frank Smith

"With languages, you are at home everywhere" - Edmund De Waal

"Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things" - Flora Lewis

## How many lessons will I get?

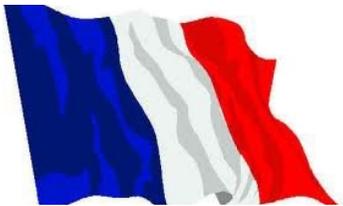
You will receive 8 taught lessons per fortnight and each lesson will focus on developing a variety of skills: listening, speaking, reading comprehension and writing.

## The importance of grammar

At AS / A Level, there is a focus on grammar and structure to enable you to learn how to put language together confidently and with increasing accuracy.

## Speaking French

The only normal way to begin speaking a foreign language is to begin speaking badly! Seriously— you learn from your mistakes and you will be encouraged to speak French every lesson.



## How much time do I need to devote to the study of French?

This is a good question ! Your teachers will expect you to spend much time extending and enhancing your knowledge and understanding of French.

Not everything can be learnt in the classroom!

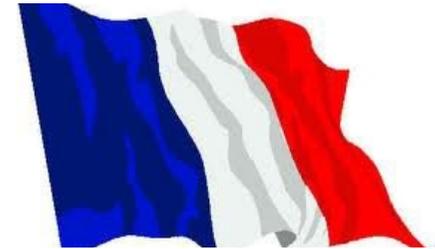
You should try to read French books or newspapers/ magazines in your spare time and read articles online.

You should enjoy the challenge of working out meaning.

Independent study should never be a chore!

If you choose French for AS / A Level, then your goal should be fluency in German and trying your best in all aspects of learning.

It goes without saying that you will need to be self-motivated, hard-working and enthusiastic!



## French is a Global Language

- 220 million people around the world speak French
- French is spoken in over 60 countries and on 5 continents
- It is the 3rd most frequently used language on the internet
- French is the most frequently taught foreign language after English; the only one to be taught in almost every country in the world

