



A-Level French

Course information

Why choose A-Level French?

94% of the world population do not speak English as their first language and 75% of them do not speak English at all.

Languages are useful not just if you want to work abroad as most UK companies are involved in international trade to some extent

People with languages get paid more on average £3-5,000 more than those without

Skills – individual and teamwork, increased retention skills, multi-tasking, listening, reading (gist and detail) translation, interpret information, presentation skills, self-confidence in new situations, research, presentation of debates, use of ICT

Compatibility with other courses – particularly science, business, teaching, journalism, law, research, armed forces, leisure and tourism, hair, beauty and fashion, art and design, import and export, English Literature, media

Course Outline:

Exam Board: OCR **Course Code: 3861**

AS level consists of 2 units –
Unit 1 is the speaking test, with a role-play and topic discussion **30%**
Unit 2 is a written paper with a variety of listening, reading and writing tasks **70%**

Topics covered include:- integration and exclusion, law and order, unemployment: causes and consequences, the individual and the environment, energy management, pollution; causes, consequences;

solutions, conservation of the natural world, medical progress: development and change, scientific advances: change and motivation, technological developments: change and development, literature and the arts, current political issues, heritage and history: influence and impacts of heritage and historical events on contemporary society including France and French-Speaking countries

Resources and facilities:

All teaching Staff are graduates in MFL (French, German and Spanish)
Le Figaro and other authentic texts
Up to date A level textbooks
Authentic films and documentaries
At least 1 lesson per week with Foreign Language Assistant
Literature texts
Dedicated 6 Form teaching room with interactive whiteboard and reference library
Access to Computers in MFL area, Library, 6th form centre

Careers and progression:

Profile of Former Students

Joanne Grant took French and German A level and is now studying Masters degree in French and Chemistry at St Andrews University in Scotland

Entry requirements:

Minimum B at GCSE, preferably A or A* to enable the students to cope with rigours of the course

A Level results:

A2 – 100% A-C
AS – 2 x As . 2 Bs and C [2006]

Enquiries:

Via Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College:

mmoden@samuelward.suffolk.sch.uk
mmcullough@samuelward.suffolk.sch.uk