





Awarding Body: AQA

Who is the course for?

Good linguists who have enjoyed expressing themselves in French at GCSE and want to develop their language skills, as well as having an interest in France and French-speaking countries.

What can it lead to?

It can lead to a degree in French or a combined degree with another language or other degree subject. Aside from a specialist language career as a translator or interpreter, a qualification in a language is important for an increasing number of career opportunities as well as in business management, marketing, tourism, banking,

telecommunications or the Civil Service. There are also a number of courses in science with an associated language allowing you to follow a science career abroad.

What are the entry requirements?

6 grade 5s or above at GCSE including Maths, English and French. **What will I Study?**

The course will build rapidly on the knowledge and skills gained in GCSE French, so that you will quickly gain confidence in the use of spoken and written language in a range of interesting topics, including, new technologies and the world of work. You will study changes in family structure and investigate the impacts that these changes have on young people today. You will also analyse the influence of French music and cinema through the study of a French movie. For the oral discussion you will use the knowledge acquired through the study of the topics to discuss two stimulus cards. You will learn more about life and culture in France and French-speaking countries. You will deepen your understanding of grammar concepts and uses. The A level course requires further depth of study of language structure and grammar, and relevant topics relating to Britain, to French-speaking countries and the international community.

How will I be taught?

Diverse methods to deliver all four skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing). Newspapers, magazines, TV, films and plays.

How will I be assessed?

The assessment units for AS are: Unit 1 – Writing, Listening and Reading Paper: 45% of the mark for AS Unit 2 – Writing: 25 % of final mark for AS A translation exercise into French followed by an essay about a French movie. Unit 3 – The Speaking Test: 30% of the mark for AS Discussion on two sub-themes. The discussion is based on a stimulus card for each subtheme. (6-7 minutes per card)

What equipment or materials will I need?

It will be necessary to purchase textbooks for both years (Approximately £20 per book) **Course Offer Conditions**

Rooks Heath expects to run courses that are offered. However, courses that do not recruit to a satisfactory level may be offered at another centre or withdrawn.