

GIS Sixth Form

French

Edexcel XSP01 (IAS) / YSP01 (IAL)



Throughout this challenging but stimulating course, students will develop a deeper understanding of the French language and the culture and society of the 220 million people who speak it around the world. French is also one of the world's fastest growing languages with millions of French-speakers in Africa.

In this course, students will have the opportunity to study inspiring and engaging themes providing clear links to some of the most fundamental and interesting aspects of the culture of the target language country and communities. They will develop knowledge and learn to discuss and write about a popular film, together with authentic source materials from France and the wider French-speaking world.

• IAS Topics

Youth matters
Lifestyle, health and fitness
Environment and travel
Education and employment

• IAL Topics

Technology in the French-speaking world
Society in the French-speaking world
Ethics in the French-speaking world

This course particularly suits students who have enjoyed French at IGCSE but are looking for a greater level of challenge. It also suits students who enjoy speaking languages, travelling and learning about other cultures and are planning to work for global organisations in any number of professions including journalism, teaching, interpreting and translating, engineering, business administration, sales and marketing, law and medicine. These students understand that the recompense for their effort and dedication is the significant improvement of their employability and overall life prospects by studying one of the world's most prominent languages and embracing a vibrant and varied culture.

Assessment Overview

- ✓ 100% Exam
- ✓ Speaking communication skills are assessed separately in Unit 1 (IAS) and Unit 3 (IA2). Overall, speaking accounts for 30% of your grade (15% in IAS and 15% in IA2).
- ✓ Listening, reading and writing skills are assessed in Unit 2 (IAS) and Unit 4 (IA2). Overall, LRW accounts for 70% of your grade (35% in AS and 35% in A2).
- ✓ Your grade is cumulative (whatever you get in AS + whatever you get in A2).

Coming into the course, I never expected to study French further. However, by the end of Year 12, I was convinced that I needed to continue until university as a double degree. Not only is French useful for finding work internationally, but it's also a great way to learn about the culture and literature of another part of the world. Plus, the French department is home to the friendliest teachers in the school so you won't feel bad asking for help, and once you graduate you can show off your language skills to whoever you want!

Julian Heaver (A*), GIS Alumni
Went on to study French and Geography in the UK

One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.

Frank Smith

UNIVERSITY STUDY

Apart from the obvious choices of a single or combined language degree (e.g. BA French) there is a multitude of degree courses for which having an A Level in any World Language would be considered a distinct advantage as they are highly regarded for their academic rigour and the wide range of analytical and communication skills they bring to those who study them. French is often offered in combination with other in-demand subjects such as Medicine, Economics or Law, so having French A Level can reduce competition and give students a significant advantage for university places, as well as opening opportunities for studying abroad.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- French film trips
- 1:1 Session with French assistant
- Opportunity to meet and converse with other French students in KL at a KS5 study day.

WIDER READING



tv5monde.com

Interesting articles and videoclips in French

france24.com/fr
World news in French

franceinter.fr
nrj.fr
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