



## A Level French Edexcel

### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

In order to be considered for this course, students must achieve a grade 6 or above in French at GCSE. Students should have a secure knowledge of key tense formations and other key grammatical rules. This course is suitable for students who have a real passion for languages and who are proactively searching opportunities to develop their knowledge of the language. Students should enjoy studying authentic written and multimedia materials.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Our aim is to develop further the four skills acquired at GCSE: listening, speaking, reading and writing. During the course, students will explore a range of topics with the emphasis very much on the culture of French-speaking countries.

### COURSE CONTENT

Material for study at both levels is drawn from the following topic areas:

#### Changes in French Society

- The change in family structure; education; the working world

#### The Political and Artistic Culture in French Speaking Countries

- Music and its impact on popular culture; media and its impact on society and politics; festivals, customs and traditions.

#### French-Language Literature/Film

- “No et Moi” by Delphine de Vigan

#### Immigration and the Multicultural French Society

- The positive impact of immigration on French society; facing up to the challenges of immigration and integration in France; the extreme right-wing and the National Front

#### The Occupation and the Resistance

- Occupied France; the Vichy regime; the resistance

#### French-Language Literature/Film

- “Les Intouchables” by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano

### WHAT WILL I DO?

Students are encouraged to immerse themselves in the language and culture of the country/countries where the language is spoken. Target language is widely used in lessons and students are encouraged to participate in oral discussions in French. Outside the classroom, students are encouraged to read widely in the target language, to listen to radio broadcasts of foreign language stations and to watch TV programmes and films in French.

Each student will spend one hour per week with a French language assistant to develop his/her listening and speaking skills. Students also need to work independently on their listening and exam skills through the use of interactive websites with their personalised logins.

It is recommended that students spend as much time as possible in France. We have recently started running a study visit to France for our Year 12 students. For further information about career opportunities using foreign languages visit: [www.languageswork.org.uk](http://www.languageswork.org.uk)

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