

A Level French and German

The Course

By studying the A Level course you will extend and deepen your knowledge of the contemporary culture and language of French or German speaking countries. You will have the opportunity to thoroughly revise all GCSE grammar and to build on this in order to enable you to communicate accurately and confidently about different issues in written and spoken French or German. You will be encouraged to play an active part in lessons and will improve your ability to analyse and discuss modern day issues and to present a coherent and persuasive argument. A language qualification at A Level demonstrates an outward looking, enquiring mind and an A Level linguist has the ability to “think on his/her feet”. You will need enthusiasm, drive and commitment. You may have the opportunity to attend specialist lectures at Bristol University, participate in a study visit to Berlin or in a work experience abroad scheme.

The Content

Over the two year course you will discover the aspects of French or German-speaking society including the changing state of family, the digital world, youth culture, festivals and traditions, art and architecture as well as multiculturalism in French or German-speaking society (immigration, integration, and racism) and aspects of political life in the French or German-speaking world. You will also study one French or German text and one film in order to learn how to demonstrate understanding of the main themes and characters as well as an ability to analyse the commentaries of others.

Assessment

100% examined. Assessment is through oral and written examinations, which include listening, reading, translation tasks and essays.

Subject entry requirements

GCSE French or German at grade 6 or above.

Pathways/Careers

An A Level language is a facilitating subject and so is suitable for entry into many and varied courses at university, those which involve studying languages and those which don't.

Students go on to successfully study or work in many fields, including:

Engineering

Business

Criminology and Law

Economics

Journalism

Diplomatic Service

Politics

Marketing and Sales

Linguistics

Broadcasting

Interpreting

Leisure and Tourism