

FRENCH

The Course

AS and A level French provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for you to build on your previous study of the French language. Through social, intellectual and cultural themes you will be able to develop your linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of France. A strong focus is placed on building confidence and fluency in spoken French using relevant and topical themes. At AS you will also study the film “La Rafle”.

Tasks

Before you start your French course it would be of great benefit to do some background reading around the AS themes. This can be done through the medium of English, however, I would encourage you to attempt to **read some short articles, or short sections of articles written in French**. As you do this it would also be of considerable benefit to **make note of key vocabulary and facts which are relevant to the themes specifically in France**. Use the French Google search engine to find such articles in relation to the topics below.

- Family structures, traditional and modern values, friendships / relationships – the qualities of a good friend, marriage, divorce and PACS, the role of grandparents, male and female roles in society
- Youth trends, issues and personal identity – drugs, smoking, alcohol, fashion, tattoos, social media, peer pressure, different parental attitudes
- Educational and employment opportunities – the French education system, vocational courses and training, unemployment, assistance for young people
- Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities – French food, festivals, traditions, markets, heritage, language and the Francophone countries
- Literature, art, film and music in the French-speaking world

Additional pre-Course Reading

Any **reading** that you can do in French will be of benefit to you. **Listening** to French music, watching French films and short you tube clips will all help you “immerse” yourselves into the language.

www.zut.org.uk This website is free after 4pm and also at weekends. There are a range of reading, grammar and vocabulary activities related to the AS themes for you to work on.

<https://www.1jour1actu.com> is a French daily newspaper for children which looks at current affairs. Although the style may be aimed at a younger native speaking audience, the linguistic content is appropriate for your level.

www.lemonde.fr

www.lexpress.fr

These are daily French newspapers. Flick through and pick out anything that catches your eye.

Amusez-vous bien!