



CLAIRES COURT
SIXTH FORM

Curriculum Statement

Year 13 - French
2025 – 2026

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French

French is offered as a two year full A level course. We follow the specification of the AQA examination board, to be found at: [AQA A Level French Specification](#).

In Year 13, students build on the skills and techniques they have learned in the first year of the A level course to further develop their linguistic skills and their understanding of French culture and society, alongside that of other French-speaking countries. Students continue to have between three and four lessons per week and are given homework every lesson. They will also be expected to undertake wider reading and research, both in school and at home, through a variety of media, some of which will culminate in an individual research project to be presented during the A2 speaking examination. Visits to France and French-speaking countries continue to be actively encouraged.

There will be continued practice of the four key skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing following the AQA textbook. Student progress will be monitored on a regular basis through vocabulary testing, topic tests, and classwork and homework exercises.

Course content

- **Current issues in French: Speaking society** – multiculturalism; social exclusion; the treatment of criminals
- **Political Life** - young people and politics; the power of trades unions; the politics of immigration
- **Grammar** - revision and further practice of grammatical systems and structures of the French language
- **Literary Texts and Films** - Un Sac de Billes by Joseph Joffo
- **Facilitating of Individual Research Project**

The A level examination consists of three units:

Paper one: Listening, reading and writing

Two hours and 30 minutes - 100 marks (50% of A2)

- Students will respond to a range of pre-recorded and printed stimulus material. Questions are to be answered non-verbally or in French. They will also complete translations both to and from the target language.

Paper two: Writing

Two hours - 80 marks (20% of A2)

- Students will answer two questions, one each on the film and the text they have studied.

Paper three: Speaking

21 to 23 minutes, including 5 minutes preparation time - 60 marks (30% of A2)

- Students will discuss with the examiner one sub-theme from the topics they have studied; they will also present and discuss their **research** of an **individual project** undertaken during the year.

Mastery learning

Students are encouraged to make connections with the new language, learn about new cultures, be curious learners and show resilience when applying new skills. They continue to build on the language base already acquired by expanding their depth of understanding, interpretation and analysis skills. We motivate students to broaden their understanding of the world around them so they develop empathy as well as in-depth knowledge. When learning French, they are able to independently employ complex language to express opinions, in-depth analysis of literature, history, culture and current affairs. Students learn to adapt and develop the language they have learned to communicate successfully both in and beyond the classroom. A level French is a vibrant course that combines well with many other subjects, leading to a wide range of opportunities at university and in the world of work.

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