



FRENCH

DETAILS OF COURSE:

The course aims to develop students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking to a high level. By the end of the course it is hoped that they will be able to read newspapers and magazine articles, follow news items on the French radio and television, write texts and articles on a variety of topics and hold a reasonably fluent conversation, expressing facts, ideas and opinion. Knowledge of French grammar will be deepened and vocabulary will be extended to cover the themes.

The themes are:

- Theme 1 Environment, education and the world of work
- Theme 2 Music, media, customs and traditions

The students are also given the opportunity to do work experience in France.

QUALITIES AND COMMITMENT EXPECTED FROM THE STUDENT:

Students should have a genuine interest in the language and preferably have a desire to visit France, as trips abroad are invaluable for developing language skills and acquiring an appreciation of the culture. Good powers of analysis as well as an ability to work independently and read widely around the subject are desirable. A good memory for words is essential

ASSESSMENT:

There are three papers at the end of the year:

AS:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation (40% of AS – 1 hour + 50 mins).

Paper 2: Writing and Translation (30% of AS – 1 hour + 40 mins).

Paper 3: Speaking: (30% of AS -15 mins + 15 mins preparation time)

THE FUTURE:

A good pass at A level gives access to university and offers a valuable qualification in the world of work. A language is becoming more and more important in today's world where business frontiers are disappearing throughout the European Union. Many past students have gone on to study degree courses in either pure French or a variety of interesting courses which combine a language with other subjects such as accountancy, law, banking and finance, business, journalism and the media. They can then work for a company with international links, or work abroad and have more fun when travelling abroad.