



Woolwich Polytechnic
Sixth Form

French A Level

The approach is a focus on how French-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of French-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on issues such as life for those on the margins of French-speaking society as well as looking at the positive influences that diversity brings. Students also study aspects of the political landscape in a French-speaking country, looking at immigration from the political perspective and at the way in which political power is expressed through action such as strikes and demonstrations. Teenagers and the extent to which they are politically engaged looks towards the future of political life in French-speaking society.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where French is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in French.

Potential Career paths:

- Bilingual customer service associate
- Flight attendant
- Tour coordinator
- Translator
- Curator
- Technical writer
- Travel agent
- Political analyst

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in French

Which awarding body is the course validated by?

AQA

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

What's assessed?

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Grammar

How it's assessed?

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

50% of A Level

Paper 2: Writing

What's assessed?

- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar

How it's assessed?

Written exam: 2 hours

80 marks in total

20% of A Level

Paper 3: Speaking

What's assessed?

- Individual research project
- One of four themes ie Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world.

How it's assessed?

Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)

60 marks in total

30% of A Level