

FRENCH

at SCGSG

Why learn a language?

Travel

Even a little knowledge of the language can make a difference in attitude when you meet people from other countries. Speaking another language helps to break down barriers.

Work and business

It can help you give an added advantage in your career if you work for an international firm or a company with international customers or contacts.

Music, film, arts and culture

If you like literature, films or music from other countries, learning the language will help your appreciation and understanding.

Did you know?

According to the British Council's report 'Languages for the Future', 49% of UK businesses look for employees who can speak French, meaning studying the language will be a huge asset to your career. With a projected 750 million speakers by 2050, being able to speak the French language is a powerful skill to have!

Financial Commitment

The purchase of an A-Level text book, a bi-lingual dictionary and a subscription to a French magazine are highly recommended.

Participation in a Work Experience placement in the country of study is advisable.

Course Overview:

The AQA course followed at Sutton Girls will build on the knowledge acquired at GCSE level. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be further developed through the study of a range of topic areas. The language used will be increasingly accurate, complex and varied. In addition, you will study a film and a novel.

Recommended Links with Other Subjects

Due to the range of topics studied in French, they are suitable for combination with any subject in school and subsequently.

A-Level Assessment:

Paper 1	Listening, Reading & Writing	50%
Paper 2	Writing on a film and a novel	20%
Paper 3	Speaking	30%

Life after A-Levels

An A-Level in a Modern Foreign Language is a highly regarded and marketable qualification whether proceeding on to higher education or work. Successful candidates will be well-prepared to use the language for practical communication in all levels of commerce and industry.

The qualification provides a good foundation for further language studies in higher education (degree level or equivalent), either in language courses or for translating / interpreting/ teaching.

Destinations:

- Modern Languages at the University of Birmingham
- French and Spanish at University of Oxford
- English and French at University of Oxford
- English literature and French at University of Manchester
- Linguistics and Modern Languages and Cultures at University of Sheffield

