

A-Level French at SCGSG

French is spoken by 74 million people across the world, notably in France and former French territories.

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

Course overview

The AQA course followed at SCGSG 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.

A-Level Year 13 Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing (40% of marks)

Paper 2: Writing on a film and a novel (30% of marks)

Paper 3: Speaking (30% of marks)

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.

Studying French language at A-level has given me the opportunity to take a gap-year as an au pair before I take up my university studies. I have gained so much confidence in the language.



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 in Year 12 is advisable.

I am confident that having a language will give me that extra edge when planning my future career. I will be studying French at University next year, whilst picking up Italian from scratch.

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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.

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.

Recent post-A-level destinations and courses:
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- Modern Languages at the University of Nottingham
- Hispanic Studies and French at Warwick University

