



WHY CHOOSE IAL FRENCH IN THE SIXTH FORM

- It is a flexible modular course: you can take some units at the end of lower 6th if you feel ready or in January in the upper 6th year.
- You can repeat the units you did not score well in lower 6th, in January during the upper 6th year.
- The AS modules are a nice transition from F5 as the topics are similar but tackled in a more challenging way and in more depth, using resources from newspapers, podcasts and textbooks.
- The A2 modules are about topics that are challenging, requiring the student to develop their critical mind and being able to argue for or against some controversial subjects such as cloning.
- The A2 subtopics will develop the student knowledge in all kinds of areas such as the latest technological advances or medical discoveries as well as challenging topics such as immigration, racism and sex equality in the francophone world.
- There is one AS speaking exam: on the AS topics and the student can choose two topics to prepare their oral out of the 4 AS topics.
- There is one A2 speaking exam: the student will debate on one controversial subject of their choice for five minutes and then there will be a discussion on two more controversial subjects chosen by the teacher examiner, four minutes each.
- Students study an historical period as a part of A2 : we do "l'occupation en France durant la deuxième guerre mondiale" : keys events, key people, life under the German occupation and la "Résistance française".
- Students are tested on their listening and reading skills too: the big difference with the GCSE reading and listening is that the questions are not straightforward but require some thinking and the ability to reword part of the text. Texts are chosen from newspapers, magazines, blogs and podcasts.
- Taking a language as an A Level is always a good idea, as it will be a plus for your future career whether you become an engineer or a journalist. Nowadays, a lot of companies tend to favour multilingual applicants.
- A Level results in the French department always score high and enable a lot of students to secure the university of choice, whether they apply for a humanity, scientific or engineering degree.
- If you are interested in French A Level, we expect you to participate actively in class, be able to do your own research and be willing to do presentations in front of the class.



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- Attendance is vital at A Level. Catching up on work can sometimes be complicated.
- We use Google classroom for work submission and we expect you to complete assignments on time.
- Half of the term mark is on continuous assessment and given on time.
- At the end of the two years, you will be able to converse and debate with ease in French on a wide variety of topics.
- You will develop critical, analytical and organisation skills, very useful for university.