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Why study this at A Level?

'If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.' Nelson Mandela

Language learning opens a world of opportunities. Not only is speaking another language vital in an international world but it enhances communication skills, provides better opportunities for employment, raises cultural and self-awareness and provides a more dynamic skill set.

Course Content and Assessment

Year 12

- *Social Issues and Trends* – family, cyberspace, voluntary work
- *Artistic Culture* – heritage, Francophone music and cinema
- *A Literary Text or Film* – analyse and critique a literary film with strong roots in French culture

Assessment

- 1x Listening, reading and translation exam 160 marks, 40% of qualification
- 1x Writing exam – 90 marks, 30% of qualification
- 1x Speaking exam – 60 marks, 30% of qualification

Skills obtained

- Proficiency in an additional language other than English
- Communication and problem-solving skills
- Cultural awareness
- An area of expertise which can complement any job or degree course
- Improved cognitive ability

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including French and Italian, French and Spanish, French with Business, Spanish with Business, Spanish and Portuguese

Year 13

- *Current Issues* – diversity, how criminals and marginalised people are treated
- *Aspects of Political Life* – teenagers and political commitment, demonstrations, immigration
- *A Literary Text or Film* – analyse and critique a literary text with strong roots in French culture
- *Individual Research Project* – a project of your choice linked to one of the subtopics studied throughout.