



## French

### Room: Room 5

#### What the Students Say

*"It is a worthwhile challenge!"*

*"I love that I come out of every lesson being able to say something new in the language"*

*"It has really made me want to go and live abroad"*

*"The sense of satisfaction that you get from being able to speak a language is fantastic"*

*"It's like doing a language, literature, philosophy, sociology and media course – I love it!"*

#### What Is This Course About?

This course is designed to enable you to develop your skills that have already been taught at GCSE through the study of Francophone societies, cultures, literature and cinema. You will be taught not only to communicate in the language but also understand a variety of key current issues and be able to debate in high level French. The focus is on providing students with the skills needed to cope with both familiar and unfamiliar language in a meaningful and fulfilling way which will enable you to progress to further education or to use in employment. It is not just about learning vocabulary and grammar, but about developing communication, problem solving and analytical skills in a setting which will open your mind to a wide range of concepts and cultural ideas. This will not only make you a better candidate in the job market but also a more socially aware individual in society.

#### What Will I Learn?

The course covers 4 main topic areas – current trends, current issues, artistic culture and aspects of political life in the French-speaking world. You will look at key issues arising in these areas through different media, activities and resources. Each of the four skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) are developed and examined at the end of the two years where you will complete 3 papers covering the four skills.

The course also covers a wide variety of current affairs issues, philosophical questions and key issues of debate, and the flexibility of the course means you will also study a film, a book and prepare a debate on a topic of your choice.



## Where Will It Take Me?

Renowned amongst universities and employers as being a challenging, worthwhile and highly practical A Level, French can grant you access to a huge range of courses at any Higher Education institution. The skills gained are highly regarded in careers such as Media, Education and Teaching, Tourism and Travel, Accountancy and Finance, Law, Civil Service and Government, Business and Management Consultancy and Recruitment and Human Resource Management.

As well as being a stepping stone to a range of different careers, studying a language also opens up travel opportunities and possibilities of working and living abroad.

Adding French to a degree can open doors to a wider range of careers as well as enable you to live abroad for a year.

## What Other Opportunities Exist Outside of Class?

We have several opportunities to visit France while studying A Level, including a trip to Paris. We also have a link with a school in La Reunion so there will be an opportunity to communicate with Francophone students via e-mail and social networking sites. We also offer the opportunity to work in language lessons with students from year 9-11 during which the A Level students will work collaboratively with the lower years to improve their language skills and help produce work together – something that will look great on university applications and CVs!