

# FRENCH

## What do we study at AS ?

The aim of the 'A' level course in French is to develop further the linguistic skills of comprehension and expression, both written and spoken, in order to be able to use French and to extend further the student's knowledge of France, its way of life, its literature and general civilisation.

- **Media** – TV, Advertising, Communication Technology
- **Popular Culture** – Cinema, Music, Fashion trends
- **Healthy Living/Lifestyle** - Sport and Exercise
- **Media** – TV, Advertising, Communication Technology
- **Family Relationships** - Relationships within the family, Friendships

## What do we study at A2 ?

- The Environment: pollution, energy and protecting the planet
- Multicultural society: immigration, integration and racism
- Contemporary social problems: wealth and poverty, public order, advantages and drawbacks of science and technology
- Literature and the Arts.

## Unit 3 Research, Understanding and Written Response in French

This unit requires students to demonstrate skills in Advanced-level French Listening and Reading and translating English into French and French into English. The unit also requires students to demonstrate evidence of independent, advanced-level French language reading and research of a chosen play, film, artist or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a French-speaking country, countries or community and produce a written response on this cultural aspect in the form of an essay.

## Unit 4 Understanding and Spoken Response in French

This unit requires students to demonstrate Advanced-level skills in spoken French, discussing material presented on a stimulus card and by having a conversation on any of the topics studied during the A2 course. They will be expected to interact effectively with the examiner, defend their views and sustain discussion.



**Student Profile** Name: Karishma Khatri

**Current University:** Kings College, London

**Degree:** French and History (Joint Honours)

*"This is a good combination and French is a great subject. Not only is it useful but also exciting and interesting in that it opens a window into another culture and way of expression. I get to study abroad in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year which will significantly help me with my accent and knowledge of French culture and lifestyle. I'm really enjoying the course."*

**Student Profile** Name: Juhika Patel

**Qualifications:** 'A' Levels in French, Economics, Geography – August 2014

**Current University:** Kings College, London

**Degree:** European Studies and French

**Quote:**

*"I wanted to study French as it was my favourite subject at A'level and I feel it is an essential skill that employers look for nowadays. It will help to broaden my career opportunities even further. I also find it to be extremely enjoyable to learn which makes studying this course all the more interesting and worthwhile. During my third year I will be studying in Paris at Institut d'Etudes Politiques, which I am looking forward to."*

**Exam board: AQA**

AS Unit 1 Listening, Reading and Writing  
Unit 2 Speaking

A2 Unit 3 Understanding and written response in French  
Unit 4 Understanding and spoken response in French



**Why study French at Claremont?**

- Weekly small group lessons with the resident French assistant.
- Extra-curricular activities: Cinema trips, French Film Club
- Small classes– more personalised tuition
- Work experience trip to France with other students