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## SPRINGBOARD



### A-Level French

#### OUR COURSE DETAILS

The French A-Level Course opens up opportunities both in employment and higher education across a wide range of areas, as a language, whilst useful on its own, can also be studied in combination with many other subjects. This course develops hardworking, organised and resilient students with strong problem solving, communication and teamwork skills, which will be valuable for a variety of workplaces and HE courses.

We have chosen the Eduqas exam board for the French A level course as, whilst challenging, it has proven to be accessible to our students. The course builds upon skills developed in the GCSE French course (regardless of specification followed) and helps learners to become more confident, fluent and creative. As well as the regular classroom lessons, all students will have small group sessions with our native-speaking French assistant. The French course can lead to careers in interpreting, translating, teaching and lecturing, journalism, tourism, diplomacy and many more.



#### PREPARING FOR STUDY

Revision of vocabulary and basic grammar from GCSE is a must!

Make sure you are confident with how to form the present tense (and other tenses if you can) and try to listen to / read a little bit of French every day.

Use any GCSE revision guides that you have to keep practising and ensure that you don't forget the fundamentals.

Recording yourself and listening back can be useful - for instance: can you speak for 1 minute about yourself and your family?



#### EMPLOYABILITY

There are lots of careers for which a modern language can be useful. The website below gives you a springboard for exploration.

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages>



#### FILMS

- Bienvenue à Marly Gomont
- Les Choristes
- Visage Village
- Samba



## UNIVERSITY COURSES

There are plenty of great places to study languages at University – this is a link to the Guardian's University Guide for languages and linguistics 2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2019/jun/07/university-guide-2020-league-table-for-modern-languages-linguistics>.

This link gives you a comprehensive overview of all the university courses which involve some (or a lot of!) French:

<https://www.whatuni.com/degree-courses/search?subject=french>

As well as straight French, you could do, for instance, International Business with French (Nottingham Trent), Oceanography with French (Southampton) or French and Japanese (Manchester)



## PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

- Emmanuel Macron
- Irène Némirovsky
- Charles de Gaulle
- Simone Veil



## OUR TOP READS

Use vocab, grammar and revision books to revisit the nitty-gritty of the language, but if you fancy a reasonably easy read of some literature try

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Le Petit Prince



## USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

- <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9dqxb>
- <https://www.memrise.com/group/403270>

The above is a Memrise group for new Bilborough starters!

<https://www.1jour1actu.com/infos-animees>



## LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

[https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/french-as-a-level/#tab\\_overview](https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/french-as-a-level/#tab_overview)

