



Taking French language to A level

At Parkstone Grammar School

Why study A-Level French?

You have the option of being an independent learner & can develop language skills through Self Supported Study.

You can progress in speaking by practising with native speakers.

- learn about French culture through music, film and literature in lessons.
- use multiple resources to assist with learning, including the library, the MFL film library & internet
- learn relevant, useful phrases that can be applied in real-life situations.

It's an engaging subject that promotes debate – there is opportunity to share thoughts and opinions.

An A-Level language is a valuable asset in university application – more universities are asking for a language qualification.

There are much smaller classes than GCSE – there are normally around 10-15 people in a class.

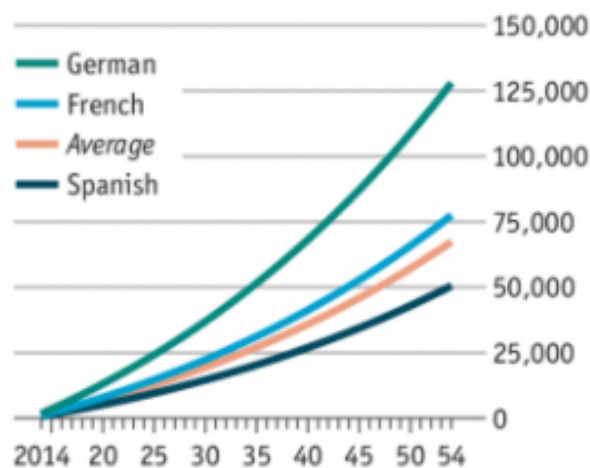
An A-Level language often makes you much more employable – employers value languages.

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2% average real return over 40 years, a 2% language bonus turns into an extra \$67,000 **£49000** in your retirement account. Not bad for a few years of "*où est la plume de ma tante?*"

Accumulated language bonuses

Forecasts, €



Source: *The Economist*

Second, Albert Saiz, the MIT economist who calculated the 2% premium, found quite different premiums for different languages: just 1.5% for Spanish, 2.3% for French and 3.8% for German. This translates into big differences in the language account: your Spanish is worth \$51,000, but

French, \$77,000, and German, \$128,000. Humans are famously bad at weighting the future against the present, but if you dangled even a post-dated \$128,000 cheque in front of the average 14-year-old,

Year 12

Year 12 is full of interesting topics that not only expand your French language skills but also your knowledge of French culture, such as.....

Popular culture-
technology/media
Artistic culture

Changes in family structures

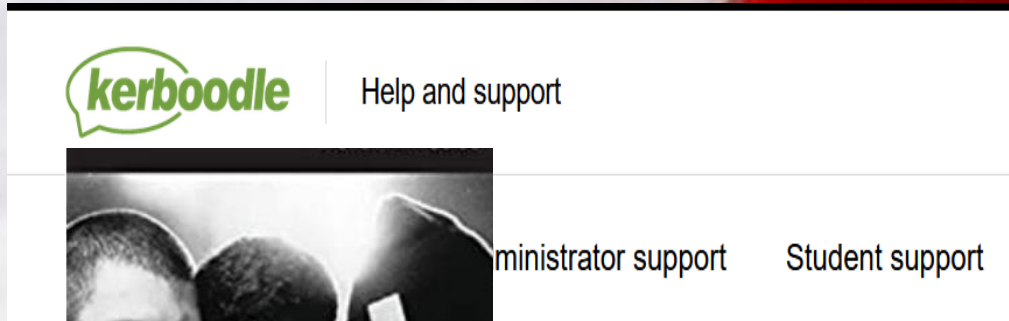
- Cyber-society



French cinema
Study of a film: 'La
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You will have plenty of resources at your disposal!!



Watch French news:

<http://www.bfmtv.com/mediaplayer/live-video/>

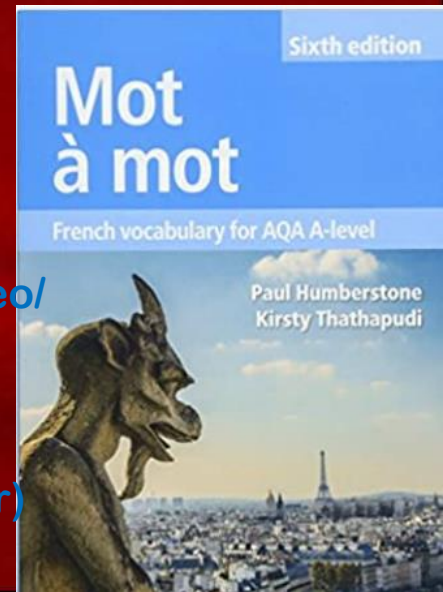
<http://www.itele.fr/direct>

Read French newspapers:

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/> (right)

<http://www.lemonde.fr/international/> (center)

<http://www.liberation.fr/monde,10> (left)



The Paris Trip



To further your studies....

You can become a languages prefect, helping out with world languages week, taking part in other events and tutoring lower school students.

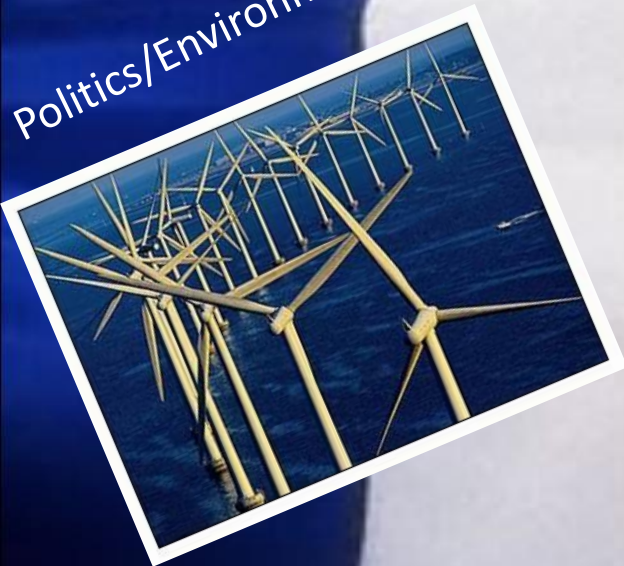
You can also take part in the teaching of French to students at Hillbourne Middle school.



Year 13

By year 13 your language skills will have reached a considerable level, as a result there is much discussion about current issues in France. Such as...

Politics/Environment



Immigration



literature



IRP-Individual Research Project

Students must identify a subject or a key question which is of interest to them and which relates to a country or countries where French is spoken. They must select relevant information in French from a range of sources including the internet. The aim of the research project is to develop research skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to initiate and conduct individual research by analysing and summarising their findings, in order to present and discuss them in the speaking assessment.

Students may choose a subject linked to one of the themes or sub-themes or to one of the works.

A Gap Year

Having French language skills open new doors when it comes to gap years. France is not the only country where you can go either.

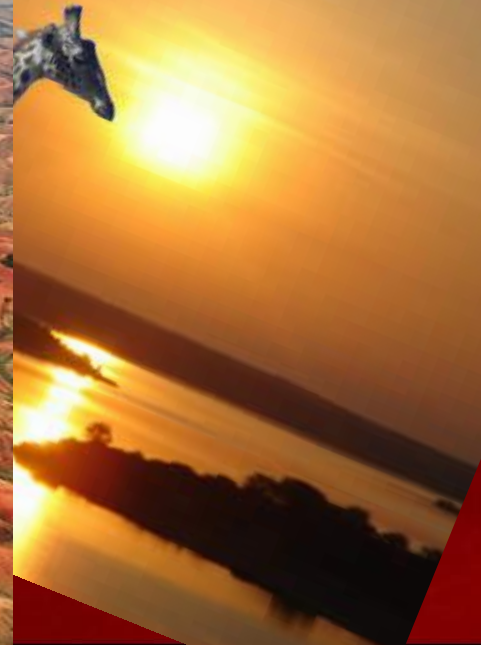
Camero



Congo



Madagascar



University

You have **many more choices** at University if you have **language skills**. You can do a **joint honours degree** which combines both French and another subject like **Politics, English, Law, Sciences, Drama, Journalism and History**.

When **doing a joint honours degree** there is also an **opportunity to do a year abroad** which is **guided by your university** and can be a great asset to your CV when applying for a job as you **already have practical knowledge** about your job.

It makes you very employable!!!!

How will you be assessed?

French is a linear subject which is 100% examination.

Examination structure for the full 2-year A Level course:

**Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing
(50% of A level) 2 hours 30 minutes**

Paper 2: Writing (20% of A level) 2 hours

**Paper 3: Speaking test (30% of A level)
21-23 minutes including 5 minutes preparation time**



French transferable skills to employers

Interpersonal skills:

conveying meaning **precisely/**

Dealing with complexities of meaning

and social uses of language. ...

presentation.

Cross-cultural understanding:

**Communication skills, including reading,
writing and speaking foreign languages.**

**gathering, assessing and interpreting
information.**

Leadership skills:

**leading and participating in discussions
and groups.**

Analytical Skills. ...

Research Skills.



Jobs directly related to your French qualifications or where it would be useful include:

- Interpreter/Translator
- Speech & language Specialist
- Legal professional
- Civil Service professional
- Social researcher/Political Risk Analyst
- Broadcast journalist
- Detective
- Diplomatic service officer
- Education consultant
- English as a foreign language teacher/Private tutor
- International aid/development worker
- Logistics and distribution manager
- Marketing/sales executive
- Patent examiner/ Publishing rights manager
- Tour manager/Travel & Tourism careers
- Lexicographer
- Information Officer
- Talent agent
- Editorial assistant




Choosing a job

Language skills make you really employable and will widen your career choices greatly.

It allows you to travel with your job and see more of the world.

So what's there to lose? Take French A level!

A close-up photograph of a flag with three distinct color sections: blue on the left, white in the center, and red on the right. The flag is slightly wrinkled, and the word "FIN" is written in a black, cursive font in the center of the white section.

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