

# HIVE Sixth Form Countesthorpe Academy



# French



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Developing an in-depth understanding of the French language is a lifelong skill for education, employment and leisure purposes.

## Why study this course?

- Develop your communication and adaptability skills: Learning a new language gives you the opportunity to communicate with foreign speakers, including people you meet when travelling as well as people in your own community.
- Enhance your cultural understanding: Speaking another language helps you to get to know about other people and cultures, it gives you a broader view of the world.
- Increase your brain power: Foreign language study can help to develop your problem-solving skills, long and short-term memory, self-discipline and grammatical and linguistic understanding of your own language.

## Course outline

Summary of Subject Content:

- Being a young person in French-speaking society
- Understanding the French-speaking world
- Diversity and Difference
- France 1940-1950: The Occupation and post-war years June 1940–May 1945

“**Les Choristes**”, a feature film by the director Christophe Barratier

“**L’Etranger**”, a novel by Albert Camus

## How am I assessed?

Component 1. Speaking (21-23 minutes)  
(30% of A Level)

- **Task 1** – Presentation and discussion of an independent research topic of an aspect that interests you related to the countries or communities where French is spoken.
- **Task 2** – Discussion based on a written stimulus.

Component 2. Listening, Reading and Translation (2h30) (50% of A Level)

- **Listening** – True/False answers, multiple choice answers, answers to questions in French.
- **Reading** – Gap fill tasks and answers to questions in French.
- **Translation** – One translation into English. One translation into French. (100 words each)

Component 3. Critical response in writing. (2 hours) (20% of A Level)

- Two essays of 300 words each; one on the film and one on the novel in which you write a critical response referring to characters, themes, structure and social and historical context.

## Where does this course lead?

Language students in the UK find it easier to get jobs and there is a wider choice of jobs for language students.

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