Southend High School for Girls
Sixth Form

French

What will you study in Year 12?

Students examine issues within two main topics: Social issues and rends and Artistic Culture. They will also undertake a detailed study of either a film or a literary text. Students will develop their abilities to communicate in written and spoken French and deepen their understanding of the cultures of the countries where French is spoken.

What will you study in Year 13?

In the second year a literary text is studied in detail as well as deeper consideration of political and social issues in France.

How will you be assessed during the course?

Students will be tested regularly on their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and on their knowledge of grammatical structures. There will also be weekly sessions with a native speaker of French in small groups or on a one-to-one basis to improve speaking skills. There may also be opportunities to visit France and put into practice the skills acquired during the course as well as opportunities to see how French can be relevant in the workplace. There are 3 examinations: Listening, reading and writing; Writing; Speaking

Where will this course lead?

Anywhere that French is spoken! In addition, knowledge of a language is a benefit in many fields including science and engineering, as can be seen through the workshops at Ford's Dunton that we have attended in recent years. Languages can be combined with a wide range of degree subjects and languages graduates are greatly sought after in the job market.

Further information

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652

In 2019 we will be undertaking our first cultural and language trip to Paris which we hope will run in future years.

There will also be weekly sessions with a native speaker of French.

We encourage students to read and listen to as much French as possible through the extensive selection of texts and films in the School Library as well as making use of online resources.