STAFFORD
SIXTH FORM

Course title: French A Level AQA

Academic year:	2027
Course Venue:	Sir Graham Balfour High School
Course Type:	A level
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:
A Level French follows the AQA syllabus. It features stimulating content which will enable you to develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of the culture and society of countries where French is spoken.

Course Content:
You will study French through the following topics:

Year 1:

- **Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends** (The changing nature of family, The 'cyber-society', the place of voluntary work).
- **Artistic culture in the French-speaking world** (A culture proud of its heritage, Contemporary francophone music, Cinema: the 7th art form).
- **Grammar.**
- **The study of a film - 'La Haine' by Mathieu Kassovitz**

Year 2:

- **Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues** (Positive features of a diverse society, Life for the marginalised, How criminals are treated).
- **Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world** (Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? Politics and immigration).
- **Grammar.**
- **The study of a book** (Un Sac de Billes by Joseph Joffo)
- **Individual research project** (the study of a subject or key question which interests you and which relates to a country where French is spoken).

Additional Information:
You will:

- Further develop the knowledge and skills you acquired studying GCSE and begin to use French in a wider variety of contexts
- Enhance your employment prospects
- Gain an in-depth insight into French culture and society

- Gain a sound basis for even further study in French

Entry requirements:
The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are a 9-5 in at least five different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

To study French at A-level you need to achieve at least a grade 6 or above at GCSE.

Assessment:
Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

This paper is 2 hours 30, and accounts for 40% of the A Level. It involves:

- Listening and responding to spoken passages
- Reading and responding to a variety of texts
- Translation into English and translation into French.

Paper 2: Writing

This paper is 2 hours, and accounts for 30% of the A Level. It involves writing two essays, one about the film studied during Year 1 and one about the book studied during Year 2.

Paper 3: Speaking

This will involve a discussion about your individual research project as well as one of the themes studied over the two years. It accounts for 30% of the A Level and will last for approximately 15 minutes. It will involve short questions, a presentation and a general discussion about your individual research project.

Future opportunities:
- Language skills are rare and are extremely sought after by Universities.
- 77 million people speak French and it is the official language in 29 countries, including France, Canada, Switzerland and the Seychelles.
- If you're interested in working abroad, or in a career with international travel, studying a language will give you a great advantage.
- An A Level in French will prepare you extremely well for further study at University.
- French can be studied alone at University, or as joint honors with most other subjects. Some possible courses include French, European Studies, Translation, Interpreting, International business…
- French is only the key skill in such jobs as teaching, translation and interpreting; however Language graduates are extremely sought after in such areas as marketing, sales, law etc.
- Languages have the third lowest unemployment rate for graduates leaving University, after Medicine and Education. This proves that it is a skill which will be useful to you later in life and which will make you stand out from the crowd!