

## OVERVIEW OF COURSE

### **A Level Course 60300644**

1. Being a young person in French speaking society.
2. Understanding the French speaking world
3. Diversity and difference
4. French - France 1940-1950: The Occupation and post-war years
5. A Film Study
6. A Literary Study
7. Independent Research Project

There are three assessments:

### **Component 1 (60 marks)**

This is a speaking assessment lasting 21-23 minutes involving two tasks:

- Task 1 is a presentation of an independent research project (chosen by you) and ensuing discussion on the content of the research project in the language of study.
- Task 2 is a discussion based on a stimulus card relating to one of the themes studied (accounting for 30% of the qualification).

### **Component 2 (100 marks)**

This is a written paper assessing listening, reading and translation skills lasting 2 hours 30 minutes (accounting for 50% of the qualification).

### **Component 3 (40 marks)**

This is a written paper assessing critical and analytical responses in writing. This involves writing two essays:

- one based on a literary work and the second on an additional literary work or film from the prescribed list of films and literary works studied during the course. The component lasts 2 hours (accounting for 20% of the qualification). There is a choice of six films and six literary works at A Level.

## **POPULAR SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**

French combines well with other languages, Arts, Humanities, English Literature, Business, Economics, Social Sciences, Science, Maths, Sport and Technology. Examples of degree courses include: Languages, Combined language plus humanities, Combined languages with Law, Economics, ICT, Business, any degree with subsidiary languages, Development Studies, Law and International Law, Latin American Studies, European Studies.

## **CAREER PATHS**

Studying a modern foreign language can lead to many different careers that directly require the use of languages such as translating, interpreting and teaching. However, skills in a foreign language can also open the door to an array of career paths such as journalism, international aid/ development work, marketing, sales and logistics. In light of the UK's relationship with the EU it will become increasingly important for UK companies to employ British people with language skills for international trade. Students planning to study Medicine, Law or STEM subjects at university should consider A Level Languages to complement their other subjects and stand out in a competitive field.

