



A Level French at The Latymer school



A level results 2020

95 % A* to B

100% A* to C



Choosing a language is not the easy option

- reputation for being harder than other ALs - nationally this is true. But at Latymer, French performs slightly better than average of departments
- What does it say about you? Well-rounded, hardworking, **looking for a challenge**, resilient **and willing to take risks**
- Makes you stand out – MFL highly regarded by employers & unis - skills of oracy, problem solving, confidence and quick thinking.
- **However at Latymer we get excellent results** – good proportion of A*, and most students get A, with the occasional B.

Why study French?

- Become fluent in the language, and gain an excellent understanding of social, cultural and political issues in the francophone world.
- Multidisciplinary : language but also history / society / geography / politics / economics / film / literature / music.
- Employability – flexibility & rigour = very marketable skillset
- Varied and creative work
- Gain confidence in understanding and talking about the world
- Fun – trips & extracurricular
- Smaller groups – different rapport with classmates & staff.

Where do Languages take you?

- Jobs – law, business, finance, education, banking, journalism, diplomacy, creative, translation, economics, engineering, medicine etc
- High numbers go on to degree including element of French at uni (about 50%)

Structure of course:

- Topics in year 1 (or AS):
 - Famille/ Cyber / Cinéma / Musique / Patrimoine / Bénévolat
 - The film 'La Haine'
- Topics in year 2
 - Société diverse / Les marginalisés / Les criminels / Politique & jeunes / Politique et Immigration / Grèves et Manifestations.

Step up from GCSE

- Yes, but less than previous years (new GCSE) – it takes more work, but you have more time to specialise, and the work is engaging.
- Grammar (most tenses covered – subjunctive, reported speech, passives, tricky pronouns, inversions etc)

Exams

- Paper 1 - listening, reading and writing
- Paper 2 – translation and writing about film / literature
- Paper 3 – oral exam
 - AS: choose 2 of 4 cards (6 topics)
 - A Level: choose 1 of 2 cards (12 topics) & IRP
 - Examples of IRP

Staffing

- 15 periods per fortnight: 2 class teachers + French assistant sessions
(20 minutes each week)

Why study French at LATYMER?

- Excellent staffing. Stable department. Mix of native / non-native, male and female, and different experiences. All have lived, worked and studied in France.
- 20 mins weekly one-to-one oral classes.
- Teaching is interactive and varied – lots of speaking from first lesson: building confidence.
- Friendly and inclusive department.
- Resources – library stocked with books, BD, DVDs. Online subscriptions and e-textbooks.
- Extra-curricular – Toulouse / Debating / Drama / Enrichment / Essay & translation comps.
- Opportunity for residential exchange = 1 week of immersion early on in the course (not many schools offer this in 6th form, eg HBS study weekend in Paris)
- Opportunity to be 6th form mentors (UCAS!)
- Mixed school! Work with clever, motivated, open-minded and friendly students.

FAQs:

- **Grade requirement?** 6 x Grade 7s at GCSE including French. Ideally grade 8.
- **No entrance test** unless doing maths / science
- **AS?** - Only if students don't want to complete the AL – Internal exams at end of year 12
- **Class size?** Between 10 and 18 per class.
- **Step up from GCSE** – yes: support package sent out in the summer term to help revise basics from GCSE course.
- **Textbook?** Online – teachers and students have access to a wide range of up-to-date resources, using video, web and music.
- **Trip to Toulouse:** We are hoping that our trip to Toulouse will be back after the pandemic!



selection officielle

LA HAINE

jusqu'ici tout va bien...

Hubert Koundé, Saïd Taghmaoui



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Le livre de Guy de
Maupassant



Guy de Maupassant, né le 5 août 1850 au château de Miromesnil à Tourville-sur-Arques et mort le 6 juillet 1893 à Paris, est un écrivain français.

Lié à Gustave Flaubert et à Émile Zola, il a marqué la littérature française par ses six romans, dont *Une vie* en 1883, *Bel ami* en 1885, *Pierre et Jean* en 1887-1888, mais surtout par ses nouvelles (plus de 300), parfois intitulées contes, comme *Boule de Suif* en 1880, *les Contes de la bécasse* en 1883 ou *le Horla* en 1887. Ces œuvres retiennent l'attention par leur force réaliste, la présence importante du fantastique et par le pessimisme qui s'en dégage le plus souvent mais aussi par la maîtrise stylistique. La carrière littéraire de Guy de Maupassant se limite à une décennie - de 1880 à 1890 - avant qu'il ne sombre peu à peu dans la folie et ne meure à 43 ans. Reconnu de son vivant, Guy de Maupassant conserve un renom de premier plan, renouvelé encore par les nombreuses adaptations filmées de ses œuvres.

Où est Toulouse?



Notre voyage





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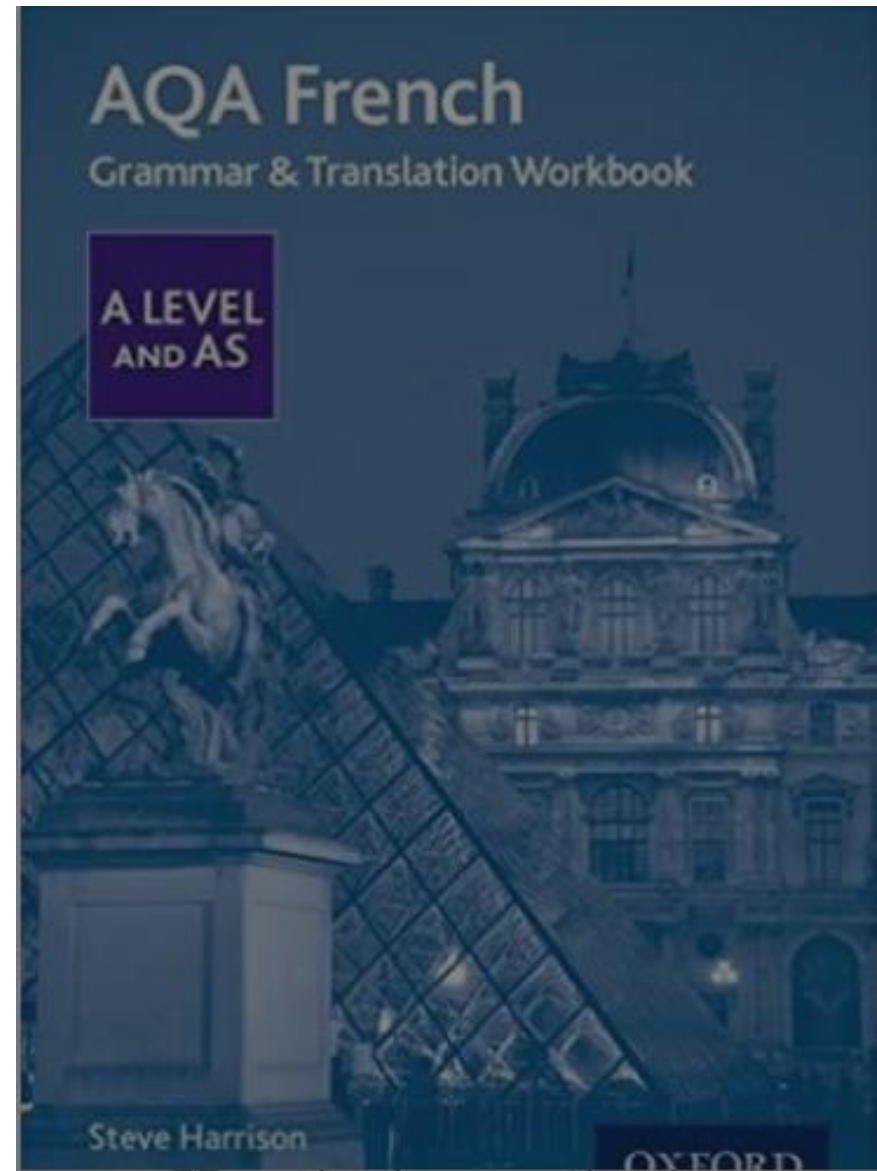
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