

# A level French 2024

Build on knowledge acquired at GCSE

Gain insights into other cultures and contemporary societies

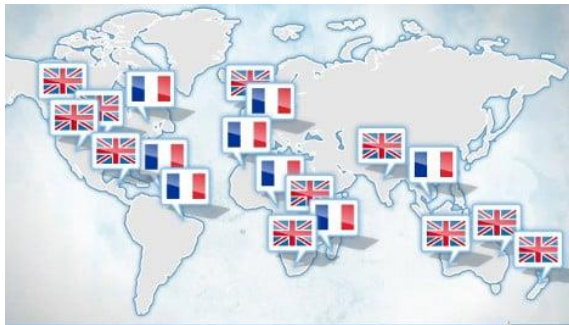
Develop awareness of global current issues

Enhance your employability prospects and university applications

Small classes to quickly build your confidence

Lots of teacher support with an emphasis on communication rather than perfect accuracy

Study interesting topics such as music, cinema and politics



A level in French works well alongside many other subjects such as History, English, Geography, Sociology, Art, Music and demonstrates communication skills required for many different careers.

**Current course:**

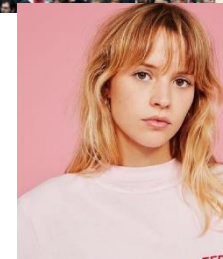
### **Changes in French society**

- **Changes in family structures** (marriage and family)
- **Education** (school system and school issues)
- **World of work** (workers' rights, sex equality)



### **Politics and Culture in the French speaking world**

- **Music** (changes in music and impact on popular culture)
- **Media** (freedom of speech, online and printed press, impact on society)
- **Festivals and traditions** (customs and traditions)



### **Immigration and French multicultural society**

- **Benefits of immigration** (impact on economy and culture)
- **Challenges of immigration and integration**
- **The far right** (rise of the Rassemblement National and its leaders)



### **Historical context (Occupation and Resistance movements)**

- **Occupied France** (collaboration and antisemitism)
- **The Vichy Regime** (Maréchal Pétain and the national revolution)
- **The French Resistance** (Jean Moulin, Général de Gaulle and women in the Résistance movement)

**One film: Les Choristes**

The impact of music on the lives of delinquents.

**One book: No et moi**

The story of an unexpected friendship between a gifted teenager and a young homeless girl.

**Trips to France** - opportunity to become a Language leader and travel to Normandy with our year 7 cohort or as part of enrichment week.

### What sort of work is involved?

An A level in a modern language will involve reading and listening to a wide variety of media texts - news and magazine articles and broadcasts, as well as interviews. You will also be able to develop your skills in speaking and writing through class-based discussion and through using the language to produce different types of written text. You will write essays and shorter pieces such as summaries and practice translation from English to French and from French to English. You will also develop independent research skills and present your findings to your teacher and classmates. In many ways the A level course equips you equally well for work or university and is often cited as one of the A levels most valued by universities today. An A level in a modern language provides a particularly good foundation for a degree in History, English, Politics, International Relations, Media, Business or Law.

### What can you do now?

Start listening to French music on YouTube and Spotify and download the text with English translation and find what you like!

Watch French TV series and films on YouTube and Netflix.

Follow famous French celebs or sport stars on Instagram or Twitter

Watch and listen to the news (websites below)

Practise some Grammar on languages online

Useful websites:

<http://www.tv5monde.com/>

<https://www.lemonde.fr/>

<https://www.europe1.fr/>

<https://www.cheriefm.fr/webradios/mur-des-radios/cherie-frenchy>

<https://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>

**TV5  
MONDE**



**Europe 1**

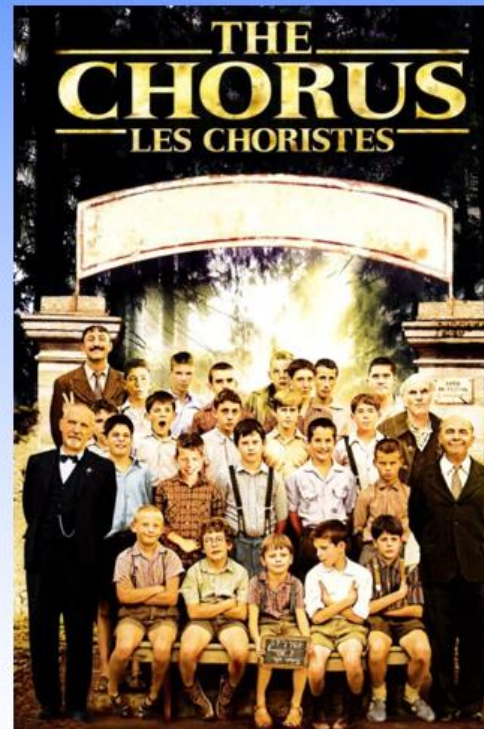


*Parisian teenager Lou has an IQ of 160, OCD tendencies, and a mother who has suffered from depression for years. But Lou is about to change her life-and that of her parents-all because of a school project about homeless teens.*

*"The international award-winning story of two girls from different backgrounds, united in friendship."*

"This book is just CHARMING."

*"A poignant tale of longing and belonging."*



Unemployed musician/composer Clement Mathieu takes a job at a rural reform school for delinquent boys. Headmaster Rachin rules the school with an iron fist, meting out corporal punishment and solitary confinement for the least infraction by his charges. Mathieu eschews his boss's cruel methods and turns to his love of music as the means to get to the hearts and minds of the boys in "The Chorus."

*"A heart-warming French film about a kind and gifted music teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students in a boy's reformatory."*

*"I have never posted about a movie before, but this one is so perfectly constructed, full of wit, drama, and heart, and of course, gorgeous original music."*