



Gordon's  
Sixth Form

# French

*A Level and AS Level*

## Year 12 (AS Level)

### The Course

This course has been designed to offer you an accessible, interesting and challenging Year 12. Topics and skills that were developed at GCSE will be broadened and matured. The topics are interesting and thought provoking and provide you with the language and skills to talk and write about issues that you care about.

### The topics we cover are:

#### Contemporary Youth Culture

- Entertainment, music, and the arts;
- Media and digital culture;
- Youth sub-cultures, trends and personal identity.

#### Travel and Exploration:

- Advantages of travelling, working and studying abroad;
- Impact of travel on society;
- Local culture and festivals in France and French speaking countries.

#### Intouchables

- Un film de Eric Toledano et Olivier Nakache.

### The Exam

There will be 3 units for the AS Exam. These are:

- A speaking exam (30% of exam)
- A listening, reading & translation exam (50%)
- Critical response in writing (20%)

**Unit 1** lasts for 12-15 minutes with 15 minutes prep time. Firstly there is a stimulus card related to one of the AS topic areas above for which you will be required to argue a point of view. Then you will move to a more general discussion of a second stimulus card.

**Unit 2** lasts 2 hours 30 minutes. There is a listening section, a reading section and a translation section from French to English and English to French.

**Unit 3** lasts for 1 hour 15 minutes. You will answer two essay questions based on the study of the film Intouchables.

## Year 13 (A Level)

### The Course

The second year of the A Level course has been specifically designed to complement the first. You will build on the skills you have developed over the previous twelve months. The topics covered are on top of the AS components.

### You will study:

#### Diversity and Difference:

- Migration and integration;
- Cultural identity and marginalization;
- Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference;
- Discrimination and diversity.

#### France 1940-1950: The Occupation and post-war years:

- From June 1940-May 1945 (occupation, liberation, and WW2 end);
- Life in Occupied France and the cultural dimension;
- 1945-1950: rebuilding and restructuring;
- Repercussions for modern day France.

#### Le Silence de la Mer:

- Un livre de Vercors.

### The Exam

There will be three units for the AS Exam. These are

- A speaking exam (30% of exam)
- A listening, reading & translation exam (50%)
- Critical response in writing (20%)

**The Speaking** lasts for 21-23 minutes. You will present and discuss an independent research project and then discuss a stimulus card based on one of the AS or A Level topics.

**The Listening, Reading & Translation** lasts 2 hours 30 minutes. There is a listening section, a reading section and a translation section from French to English and English to French.

**The Writing** lasts for 2 hours. You will answer two essays, one about Le Silence de la Mer and one about Intouchables.





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