

FRENCH

Why should I study French?

More than 220 million people speak French on the five continents. It is also one of the most widely learned foreign languages. It is a language of diplomacy and sophistication, and an official language of multiple institutions, from the United Nations to the European Union and the International Red Cross. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

Bolingbroke is best for French because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are in the process of developing strong partnerships with international schools to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

What will I study?

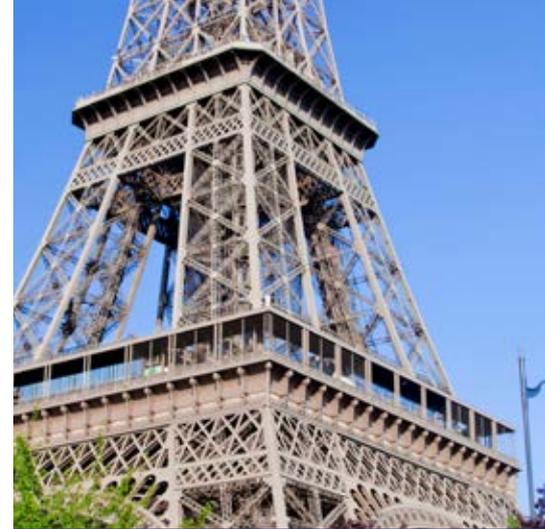
What you will study will mirror the interests of young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging themes –

- *Les changements dans la société française;*
- *La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones;*
- *L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française;*
- *L'Occupation et la Résistance.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.



What our students say

“We receive as much support as we need - we just need to ask. Our teachers go beyond the curriculum, teaching us useful French idioms, colloquialisms and slang. This leads us to success, not only in exams, but in real conversations and life.”

Class of 2019 student