SUBJECT: French IB Standard Ab Initio

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SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Topics: Identity, Experiences, Human ingenuity, Sharing the planet, Social organization. Students are expected to reach a good degree of competence in the language and explore the culture using the language. Students will use authentic spoken and written sources from a variety of contexts and genres. Students will develop research skills in the language as part of the course, focusing on an area of personal interest related to the French-speaking world. There is a prescribed list of grammar for IB students that students will be expected to study and apply in class and in their independent study.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying this course enables you to gain a good level of understanding of one of the main world languages and gain a greater understanding of the French-speaking world. It enables you to develop many transferable skills ready for University, such as analysing and researching, In addition to this, it has often been said that learning and knowing a foreign language makes you more employable and opens up a world of opportunity.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:
http://www.20minutes.fr; http://1jour1actu.com;
http://www.newsinslowfrench.com;
http://www.lepointdufle.net; Panorama francophone 1
Student Book 978-1108467247; Panorama francophone 2
Student Book 978-1107572676

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Written production. Paper 2: Listening & reading. Oral exam: Photo stimulus and discussion on themes studied. Students will be assessed at regular intervals, through vocabulary/translation, past papers, exam condition essay writing and mock exam periods.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In the spring term of Lower 6th, students have the opportunity to spend 2 weeks in Paris on work experience placement.

	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS The course is aimed at students with no previous experience of learning French.