



SUBJECT: French IB Higher

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
IBO Language B / QAN: 60010757

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Core topics:

- Identities
- Experiences
- Human ingenuity
- Sharing the planet
- Social organization

Students are expected to reach a high 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.

Higher students will also be required to study two pieces of literature for the speaking exam.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

French is one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world and study of one of the IB Language B courses provides an excellent opportunity to develop fluency and to consider how the cultures we are exposed to influence our ways of knowing and our perceptions. Through this course we develop in particular the skills of resilience, independence, open-mindedness and effective communication. IB French pupils are also encouraged to take risks, to develop an in-depth curiosity about the target language culture and to be reflective students.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

News and current affairs: <http://www.realfrench.net>

<http://www.france2.fr>

<http://www.20minutes/fr>

<http://1jour1actu.com>

<http://www.newsinslowfrench.com>

<http://www.lepointdufle.net>

IB French B coursebook ISBN: 978-0-19-842237-2

IB French B Skills and practice ISBN 978-0-19-842471-0

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The assessment criteria have been organised according to three areas: Language, Cultural interaction, Message. The written component is externally assessed. The oral component is internally assessed but externally moderated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are strongly advised to subscribe to a foreign language magazine and keep up to date with topical issues around the world, especially in Francophone countries. A dictionary for study at home is advised. Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a work experience exchange to Avignon in the Lower Sixth.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

The course is suitable for high achievers at GCSE with grade 6 in French.