

# International Baccalaureate French

@ Durham Sixth Form Centre

"A different language  
is a different vision  
of life"

- Federico Fellini

The aim of the French Standard Level course is to build on students' prior knowledge and understanding of French and to help them become internationally-minded people with awareness, understanding and appreciation of the cultural, political and global issues that shape France and the French. To that end, learners will be encouraged to explore concepts and issues and will be shown how to communicate their ideas in a positive and thoughtful way.

## Course:

Standard Level Option A (150 hours)

## Internal oral assessment:

Pair and group oral activities take place throughout the course  
Individual oral examination takes place at the end of the course

## External written assessment:

Text Handling  
(reading and responding & a written response to a written text)  
Written Production  
(one task from a choice of 4)

## What will I learn?

Students will not only develop their ability to speak French but they will also cover a number of topics such as French popular culture, social and global issues and ethics and rights. We will encourage students to work independently to extend their knowledge and understanding of France and her people.

## Internationalism and the Aims of the IB Programme:

As part of their studies, students will be encouraged to investigate and question notions of identity, multi-culturalism, different beliefs and traditions. A wide variety of resources is available to students to achieve this aim. We have links with the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle who regularly hosts Study Days, as well as with Durham University and there will be opportunities for students to converse with native French speakers and student mentors. The school has access to relevant, up to date and authentic articles on global and national issues, and there will also be opportunities to visit France, with a view to broadening students' cultural horizons.

"To accomplish  
great things, we must  
not only act, but also  
dream; not only plan,  
but also believe."

- Anatole France

