

Leaving Certificate French

Course Content:

The course is divided into 4 key areas called skills:

Reading Comprehension

Listening Comprehension

Oral section

Written section

Topics are theme- based

The oral at Ordinary Level is worth 20% .

The oral at Higher Level is worth 25%.

The listening comprehension is worth 25% at Ordinary Level and 20% at Higher Level.

The Oral lasts 12-13 minutes. Topics examined include; “myself, My Family, My House, My town, My Past times, What you did/will do on your holidays, future career..”

Students are prepared in advance to discuss these topics.

It is highly recommended to bring in a 'document in French' to the exam. This may take the form of a postcard, a picture, an article from a French magazine/newspaper etc. This part of the oral exam takes 3 minutes and is highly recommended.

Students are encouraged to take Higher Level French for Junior Certificate and to continue with Higher Level for the Leaving Certificate.

Careers with Foreign Languages:

Most Universities require a foreign language as a requirement for courses containing the study of a language module as part of the courses.

More points are obtained if French is studied at Higher Level.

We are part of the European Union and a foreign language is a very useful passport to hold if you wish to work in Europe.

French is spoken in 30 different countries in the World