



LEARN FRENCH AT THE ALLIANCE

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Alliance Française

Manchester



WHO WE ARE

The Alliance Française is the world's largest cultural network, with over 800 centres all around the world.

The Alliance Française de Manchester is a **UK-based Charitable Incorporated Organisation** founded in 1997. It is an apolitical and non-denominational organisation which has the aim of **promoting knowledge of French language and Francophone cultures** through:

- ✓ **teaching the French language;**
- ✓ **offering official exams;**
- ✓ **organising cultural events.**

We ensure that the services we offer are of **excellent quality** through the international Alliance Française quality control framework.

The community of the Alliance Française de Manchester - students, staff and members - come from all around the world, and we seek to develop an environment **respectful of differences**, through dialogue, cooperation, tolerance and solidarity.

WE OFFER

- ✓ group courses and private tuition at **all levels** identified in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- ✓ a rich programme structured around four course types: **Progress, Speak, Consolidate** and **Discover**;
- ✓ **communicative, task-based** teaching which develops **self-confidence** and the **ability to interact** in French;
- ✓ **immersive** classes delivered primarily through **French** by teachers who can offer additional explanations in English if necessary;
- ✓ a **flexible** approach which means the teacher can adapt to the language needs of the students in their classes.



OUR TEACHING APPROACH



YOUR TEACHERS

- ✓ are **speakers** of French and **hold degree-level qualifications** in teaching French as a foreign language;
- ✓ are supported through **class visits** to guarantee continuous development of their teaching;
- ✓ undertake regular **training** sessions to develop their skills;
- ✓ work together as a **team** to ensure consistency in teaching practice;



IN YOUR CLASSES

- ✓ your teacher will **support** you, encourage you, correct your work, and evaluate your progress;
- ✓ you will have access to detailed **class plans** or a **class diary**, uploaded to the student portal, so that you can revise your classes at home;
- ✓ you will use a carefully-selected **textbook** and **work book** for each of our Progress courses, which will be entirely in French to aid immersive learning and to be accessible to learners whose first language is not English.





TO GUIDE YOU AS YOU PROGRESS

- ✓ a **level consultation** to help you choose which of our courses to start with;
- ✓ continuous **monitoring** of your activity during the course and **end-of-session recommendations** as to which course you should take next;
- ✓ the opportunity to register for official **DELF/DALF exams** at our in-house test centre.



THE KEYS TO YOUR BEST LEARNING OUTCOME

To get the best out of the Alliance Française

- ✓ **speak** to us in French! We are a little French-speaking oasis in Manchester and all of our employees will be delighted to talk with you in French;
- ✓ make the most of our **médiathèque** – your enrolment in a class gives you free access for one year: borrow books and watch DVDs;
- ✓ take part in our **cultural events**: film club movies are sub-titled in English and we do our best for our events to suit a wide range of language levels – from beginner to native speaker. Check our website for more information;
- ✓ make sure you visit our partners (full list on our website) to benefit from extra **discounts** for all things French!

To get the best out of your class



- ✓ attend classes **as regularly as possible**, and notify your teacher if you are going to miss a class (you can catch up on work you have missed by checking course materials on the student portal);
- ✓ spend **one or two hours a week** working on your French outside class time, especially for Progress courses;
- ✓ complete any **writing exercises** which your teacher sets you, so you can benefit from personalised corrections;
- ✓ **ask for help** whenever you are having trouble understanding something;
- ✓ whenever you can, **use French in class**, for example when asking questions about vocabulary (e.g. Comment dit-on ... en français ?);
- ✓ **participate fully** in class activities, listen to others, and above all **speak up!**
- ✓ be ready to make **mistakes!** Do not be afraid to speak up: mistakes are part of the learning process;
- ✓ when choosing your courses, follow your teacher's and the Course Director's **advice**.

To get the most out of group learning

- ✓ be prepared to work in **pairs** or **small groups**;
- ✓ be **supportive** to other class members and respect each other's pace of learning;
- ✓ be ready to **listen** carefully to other class members – everyone has the right to express themselves;
- ✓ **be open** to your teacher's methods and **trust** that they know what they are doing!

THE ALLIANCE: AN ENVIRONMENT WE ALL CARE FOR



For your comfort and well-being, you can expect

- ✓ a **professional** and **courteous** attitude from all our staff;
- ✓ a **comfortable** learning environment;
- ✓ a **safe environment**: the security of all students (adults and children) and members is our priority;
- ✓ a commitment to **sustainability**.



OUR COMMITMENT TO LISTENING AND PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE

Your opinion matters to us! The Alliance Française will

- ✓ promptly **respond** to your administrative or teaching-related queries;
- ✓ make note of your **remarks** and **suggestions** through feedback questionnaires;
- ✓ allow you to access class plans and any other documents handed out by your teacher through our **student portal**.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?



For advice on which course to take next

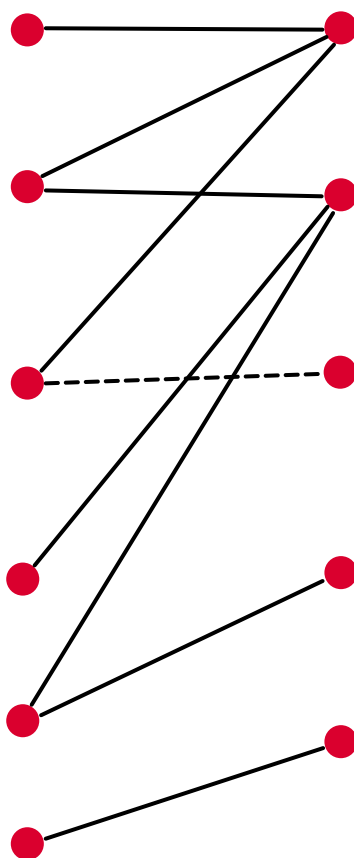
To notify us in advance of an absence

For comments or feedback on your course

To ask if you can swap classes

To sign up for a course

For a class plan



**YOUR
TEACHER**

RECEPTION

**OUR COURSE
DIRECTOR**

WEBSITE

**STUDENT
PORTAL**

Reception: reception@afmanchester.org / 0161 236 7117

Teacher: firstname.surname@afmanchester.org

Course Director: courses@afmanchester.org

Student Portal: www.afmanchester.org/af/students

Website: www.afmanchester.org

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FRENCH COURSE MAP

PROGRESS **SPeAK** **CONSOLIDATE** **DISCOVER**

PROGRESS	SPeAK	CONSOLIDATE	DISCOVER
BREAKTHROUGH A1 96hrs DELF A1	Elementary Conversation French Chat	Elementary Practice Pronunciation Clinic	Travel French
WAKSTAGE A2 96hrs DELF A2	Improvers Conversation French Chat	Improvers Grammar Clinic Improvers Practice	1 Class / 1 Song
THRESHOLD B1 120hrs DELF B1	Intermediate Conversation French Chat	Intermediate Grammar Clinic Intermediate Writing Clinic Intermediate Practice	Current Affairs 1 Class / 1 Figure Professional French
VANTAGE B2 144hrs DELF B2	Higher Conversation Higher Conversation + Grammar	Higher Grammar Clinic University French	French Icons Discover France
PROFICIENCY C1 DALF C1	Expertise	Higher Grammar Clinic	Arts & Culture Arts & Literature