LEARN FRENCH
AT THE ALLIANCE

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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.

### WHO WE ARE

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

### 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 native 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
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