

French A-level AQA

General Course Information

Many students find that continuing their French studies complements other subjects. It will enable you to use your skills and qualifications to access career opportunities both at home and abroad. If you are keen to travel either for work or pleasure, then studying A Level French will assist you.

This recently redesigned course will encourage you to:

- Develop the knowledge and skills acquired at GCSE level and therefore use French in a wide range of contexts
- Gain a useful insight into another culture and reflect on various aspects of contemporary society
- Enhance your employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel and experience the enjoyment and motivation of improving your linguistic level

French A-level course outline:

Social issues and trends, political and artistic culture, literary texts, films and grammar.

How is the course assessed?

The A-level specification has 3 units:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing – 2 hours 30 minutes

Weighting: 50% of A level – 100 marks

Listen and respond to spoken passages from a range of contexts.

Read and respond to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources.

Translation from French to English and from English to French.

Paper 2: Writing – 2 hours

Weighting: 20% of A level – 80 marks

You will be expected to answer questions in French on one text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification.

Paper 3: Speaking - 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)

60 marks in total

30% of A-level

Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5–6 minutes).

Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9–10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks).

Who's it for?

This course is for all students who have enjoyed their language studies to date and who have obtained a French GCSE Grade 6 or above or who are native French speakers looking for a challenging, academic subject to study which will prove to be a lifelong skill and which will enhance their employability in the future.

Progression

This course provides an excellent progression route into Higher Education and many students use language skills in disciplines such as business, medicine, law, tourism, in fact, linguists are valued in every field!

