

# A Level French



**Exam Board:** AQA

**Entry Requirements:** grade 6 or above in French and English Literature.

## Why study French?

French at A Level builds upon basic themes begun at GCSE but further challenges the students' ideas and views of the world by addressing issues such as multicultural diversity and the 'cyber-society'. These stimulating themes encourage students to engage, research, discuss and form their own response to the Francophone world. These skills are greatly valued in any university course and in the world of work. As well as developing their understanding of French grammar and language expression students have the opportunity to approach French texts and films analytically. These opportunities will allow them to foster their love of the language and culture.

## What does the course involve?

The core content of the French A Level qualification is split into two key areas with the following sub-themes:

Social issues and trends	
Current trends:	Current issues:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the changing nature of family</li><li>the 'cyber-society'</li><li>the place of voluntary work</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>positive features of a diverse society</li><li>life for the marginalised</li><li>how criminals are treated</li></ul>

Political and artistic culture	
Artistic culture in the French-speaking world:	Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a culture proud of its heritage</li><li>contemporary francophone music</li><li>cinema: the 7<sup>th</sup> art form</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment</li><li>demonstrations, strikes - who holds the power?</li><li>politics and immigration</li></ul>

During the course students will study one French text and film, in addition to an individual research project. Students will also be required to understand and actively use French grammar and structures appropriate to the tasks set. Assessment of the course takes the form of 3 papers which students will sit at the end of the course.

### Paper 1: listening, reading and writing

- 2.5 hour written exam
- Assesses knowledge and understanding of core content
- 50% of A-level

### Paper 2: writing

- 2 hour written exam
- Assesses understanding and analytical responses to literary text and film studied.
- 20% of A-level

**Paper 3: speaking**

- 21-23 minute oral exam
- Assesses core content and findings of individual research project.
- 30% of A-level

**Where will French lead me post Sixth Form?**

Modern Foreign Languages continue to be a highly valued subject to take forward to any university course because of the skills acquired. A Level French would provide extensive opportunities for any career path both in the UK and overseas. The skillset required to excel in Foreign Languages is also very highly regarded by many employers.

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