

FRENCH

QUALIFICATION

Advanced Level
Exam Board: AQA

REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirement is Level 6 in French

Why study French?

French is spoken in 29 countries, spanning five continents. It is one of the fastest growing languages in the world.

France has an exciting history and a fascinating cultural heritage, making it an interesting and exciting language to study.

Students learn the language, study the aspects of French speaking artistic culture, including music and cinema, and learn about politics in the French-speaking world.

What skills are required?

The A-level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or further study, including a modern languages degree. You should have:

- A real enthusiasm for the subject.
- An interest in the language and culture of French speaking countries.
- Independent learning skills are needed for a piece of research in an area of personal interest in France.

Course Content

The approach is a focus on how French-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of French-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on issues such as life for those on the margins of French-speaking society as well as looking at the positive influences that diversity brings.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where French is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in French.

- Social and Political trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar

Options

- Literary texts and films

How it will be assessed:

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Aspects of Cultures and Grammar, Listening, Reading, Writing	Writing	Speaking
2 hours 30 mins 50% of A level	2 hours 20% of A level	Overall Exam 30% of A level

Progression

Many students go on to study languages at university but the knowledge gained combines well with a number of different university degrees.

Being fluent in a second language is very advantageous in several areas which combine with English, Sciences, Business and the Arts

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