

French

Awarding Body: AQA

Level: A-Level

Introduction

French continues to maintain its importance on a global scale. Gaining an A-Level French qualification will further enhance your employment opportunities. Communication and linguistic ability in French are skills highly regarded by universities and employers, in addition to being an invaluable life skill, which will present you with many exciting opportunities.

The A-Level specification further embeds knowledge acquired at GCSE; fostering a range of transferable skills such as communication, critical thinking, research and creativity. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a Modern Languages degree (pure French or French with another subject).

Year one content

In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied; together with key features regarding the artistic and social culture of French-speaking countries. Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to La Francophonie, as well as honing their language skills and embracing a variety of authentic materials to further their appreciation of French language.

- Module 1: Changing nature of family, Cyber Society, Voluntary Work
- Module 2: Features of a diverse society, Life for the marginalised, Criminality
- Module 3: Cultural heritage, Contemporary Francophone music, Cinema

End of unit assessments, past papers and speaking exam preparation during the year

Year two content

In the second year, further aspects of the social issues are covered, alongside the French political landscape, both in relation to French-speaking countries and their place in the world. The past and its role

in shaping the present is analysed when considering French politics, while the focus on young people and politics looks forward to shaping the future of French-speaking countries.

- Module 4: Right to vote & Political commitment, Demonstrations & Strikes, Politics & Immigrations
- Film & Literature options: set texts from AQA (one of each)

IRP (Independent Research Project): students select a subject or key question which interests them and which relates to a country or countries where the target languages is spoken.

End of unit assessments, past papers and speaking exam preparation.

The A-Level will consist of two written exams and a speaking exam, covering all themes from the two-year course.

What you need

At least a grade 5 in GCSE French.

Career and further study

Studying a language to A-Level will enhance sought after communicative skills as well as an impressive awareness of other cultures, benefitting a variety of different careers which could include: Journalism, Business, Leisure, Travel & Tourism, Law, Scientific Research, Media, Engineering, Medicine, Voluntary & Charitable sector, Manufacturing, Education, Technology & Gaming, Advertising & Marketing, Manufacturing, and Financial Services, to name but a few.

Trips and other costs

Opportunity to take a role in planning KS5 French trip.
A-Level French conference in London.

You are expected to purchase your own textbooks.