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A Level French

Exam Board

AQA

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Entry Requirements

Five grade 4-9 (or equivalent) including at least a grade 6 in French.

Assessment Breakdown

Examination = 100%



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Knowledge of a foreign language will vastly increase your chances of employment and international mobility. Our French course develops language skills and explores topics such as popular culture, media, youth issues, cultural identity and social issues within the context of the country. Background studies include a film and a piece of literature or a period of history. Lessons are conducted in the foreign language and involve reading, discussion, listening and pair work. The department offers foreign trips designed to enhance language skills and provide insight into the country visited,

What skills will I develop ?

Besides the usual skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, you will also extend your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

General skills include essay writing, listening and debate, research, text analysis and independent study skills.

Over the course of your A Level, you will obtain a wide range of general knowledge on topical issues and gain an awareness and appreciation of French culture.



What will I study ?

Social issues and trends:

- The changing nature of family
- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work
- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

Political and artistic culture:

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary francophone music
- Cinema: the 7th art form
- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power
- Politics and immigration

One text and one film, or two texts from a selected list of works.

What does the exam look like ?

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

2 hours 30 minutes
50% of A Level

Paper 2: Writing

2 hours
20% of A Level

Paper 3: Speaking

21–23 minutes
30% of A Level

Where does the course lead ?

Due to the wide range of language and study skills acquired during the course, A Level French is a highly regarded qualification among university admission tutors. It combines well with business, humanities, arts and even science courses. Of course, A Level French is the requirement to read French itself at university. Competence in French is a distinct advantage for anyone who will work in an international context or have contact with French speakers across the globe.

