

# French

## A-Level French

**Subject** French

**Exam Board** AQA

**Specification Numbers** 7652

**Teachers Responsible** Mrs Johal

**Introduction** Do you enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life? Are you interested in languages and communication in the business world, travel and tourism, literature journalism and the media? If so, you are likely to find this course appropriate.

There are a number of options in the course where you can choose your topic or question to suit your interests. Whether you want to use language at work, for further study, training, or for leisure, this course will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge.

**Aims of the Course** The course will help you to develop your general study skills, but most of all you will learn to communicate at a higher level in French. You will also learn much more about a wide range of aspects of Francophone society.

You will be able to **read** from authentic sources, such as magazines and newspapers, reports or books.

You will be able to **listen** to a range of sources such as news reports on the radio or TV. You will learn how to **write** longer pieces and to **hold conversations** and **discussions** in French.

**How You Are Assessed** **Paper 1 (Listening, Reading and Writing):**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, 100 marks, 50% of A-Level. All questions for Listening and Reading are in French. The paper is divided as follows:

- Listening - students will have individual control of the recording (30 marks)
- Reading - students to answer some non-verbal and verbal questions (50 marks)
- Writing - translation of 2 passages of minimum 100 words. One in English and one in French (10 marks each)

**Paper 2 (Writing):**

Written exam: 2 hours, 80 marks in total, 20% of A-Level

Students will study one film (La Haine - dir. Matthieu Kassovitz) and one novel (Un sac de billes - Joseph Joffo). Both pieces explore aspects of history in France from WW2 and the French riots, these explore themes such as racism, religion and current affairs.

Students will have two questions to choose from for each piece and will need to write about 300 words per essay.

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#### Paper 3 (Speaking):

Oral exam: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time), 60 marks in total, 30% of A-Level.

- Students will start with a stimulus photo card which will lead to a discussion for 5-6 mins (25 marks)
- Students are to choose a topic and prepare a presentation about a topic of their choice (Society, Art, Geographical or historical events, current affairs which is related to Francophone culture). Presentation is 2 mins and follow-up discussion is 9-10 mins (35 marks)

### Links to Future Careers

There will be a range of opportunities open to you, where you can continue to use and further develop your language skills and knowledge of contemporary society. Some students choose to do degree courses in languages; others choose to pursue a higher education in another subject, but choose a language option alongside it. Having a language at A-Level will improve your employability, in particular with companies which have international branches. Whether you are interested in continuing your studies or working at home or abroad, a language course is an excellent step towards achieving your goals.

#### Entry Requirement

Grade 5 in GCSE French