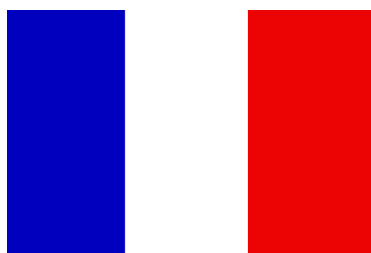




French



Advanced Level

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements:

B/6 Grade in French at GCSE enhances students' chances of success at this level. Students are also strongly advised to spend at least a week in France during the course of their study.

"Students who take French in the sixth form love language learning. They are confident communicators and show a keen interest in other cultures. In the future, they may want to work or study abroad or take languages at degree level."

The AQA A Level in French offers a suitable progression route from GCSE, focusing on the development of all four language skills, listening, speaking, reading and writing. In Year 1, students develop knowledge and understanding of the social issues and trends and political and artistic culture of the target language country and communities. They are also able to express and justify their own opinions, develop arguments, and persuade, in speech and writing, building on the fluency and spontaneity developed at GCSE. The skill of translation is also further developed.

In Year 2 of the A Level course, candidates are expected to develop a wider knowledge of vocabulary and linguistic structures and a deeper understanding of cultural aspects, together with a higher level of critical awareness. A Level students apply the grammatical system and a range of structures competently and develop skills to use the target language spontaneously. They also develop a greater understanding of, and study in depth, aspects of the society, culture and communities of France and countries where the language is used.

These qualifications offer a suitable progression route to further study at university level and can also add to an individual's employability profile, particularly for UK organisations trading overseas as well as with international companies based in the UK and globally. Students can progress to a wide range of careers in areas such as journalism and media, education, science, medicine, the civil service, sales, marketing, retail, and charities.

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General topic areas

At A level, students study the following themes:

- Aspects of French-speaking society - current trends and issues.
- Artistic Culture in the French-speaking world.
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world.

Students also study the French film 'La Haine', and the short novel 'L'Etranger' by Albert Camus.

Assessment

Student's performance in all four units is assessed positively. All subject specific instructions are in French unless English is more appropriate to the nature of the question or task involved.

A Level

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

50% of the qualification

Paper 2: Written response to a film and a literary text and translation

20% of the qualification

Paper 3: Speaking

30% of the qualification

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