



A Level French

Entry requirements

You need a minimum of a grade 6 (7 is preferred) in GCSE French to study French at A Level

Exam Board

We follow the AQA course.

What does the course involve?

In Year 12, you will study the following topics:

Theme 1: Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends

1. The changing nature of family
2. The 'cyber-society'
3. The place of voluntary work

Theme 2: Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

1. A culture proud of its heritage
2. Contemporary francophone music
3. Cinema: the 7th art form

You also study one film (currently *Au Revoir les enfants* by Louis Malle)

In Year 13, you will study the following topics:

Theme 3: Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

1. Positive features of a diverse society
2. Life for the marginalised
3. How criminals are treated

Theme 4: Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

1. Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
2. Demonstrations, strikes - who holds the power?
3. Politics and immigration

In addition to the film studied in Year 12, you will study a book (currently *Bonjour Tristesse* by Françoise Sagan), and you will also do an individual research project on a topic of your choice which will then form part of your speaking exam.

How is the course assessed?

At the end of Year 13, you will take the following exams:

- Listening, reading and writing paper (50%)
- Writing paper (20%)
- Speaking exam (30%)

What can an A Level in French lead to?

Having an A Level in French will also open many doors to you after school and university and will be hugely valued by employers, whether or not you end up directly using your language skills.

If you do want to pursue languages as a career, there are lots of things you can go on to do. Here are just a few examples: translation and interpreting, marketing & sales, journalism & broadcasting, tourism & hospitality, diplomatic services, civil service, international business & finance, international law and publishing.

