

FRENCH



EXAM BOARD: AQA COURSE DURATION: 2 YEARS

The ability to understand and communicate in other languages is increasingly important in our society and in the global economy. Languages contribute to the cultural and linguistic richness of our society, to personal fulfilment, mutual understanding, as well as to commercial success, international trade and global citizenship.

COURSE CONTENT

The A-level specification builds on the knowledge and skills acquired at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on both the language and culture of France. Students will consider how French-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally, as well as how it continues to change covering aspects of music, technology, arts and politics. Students are also required to study both a book and a film in order to appreciate, analyse and respond critically in French to the works.

TEACHING & LEARNING METHODS

The aim of this course is to improve students' linguistic competence, as well as helping them explore the culture and civilisation of France. Students will develop the four key skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing across a wide range of topics and current affairs issues. The course also fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

ASSESSMENT

There will be three examinations to assess:

- Listening and reading comprehension, including translation from and into French
- Written fluency and accuracy, including an essay to critique a French film and novel
- Oral fluency

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

An A-level in French will be an asset to any student regardless of the path they intend to follow. After all, the ability to speak another language is a versatile skill to be used for work and for pleasure. Through this course students will develop a broad range of transferable skills including communication skills, interpersonal skills, global awareness, critical & analytical thinking.

CAREERS /HE INFORMATION

There is a wide range of HE courses available including: French Studies / Linguistics / Modern Foreign Languages - Translation & Cultures / International Business Management.

French can also be combined with almost any other subject including: French & German / Business & French / Law & French / Childhood Studies & French /Criminology & French.