

# French

## A Level



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### What is A Level French?

The A Level French course has been designed to be studied over two years. The approach will be a focus on technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. Students will study highlights of French-speaking artistic culture, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the French-speaking world. They will also explore the influence of the past on present-day French-speaking communities. Throughout their studies, they will learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

### What will I study?

#### **Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing**

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues and trends
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Grammar

#### **Paper 2 – Writing**

- One text and one film or two texts from a specified list
- Grammar

#### **Paper 3 – Speaking**

- Presentation and discussion of individual research project
- One of four themes: Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world, Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

### What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements you will need a grade 6 in French.

### How will I be taught?

You will, through integrated study, focus on language, culture and society. The course will foster a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society.

### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1:** 2 hour and 30 minutes written paper response to listening and reading texts (50% of A Level)

**Paper 2:** 2 hour written paper (20% of the A Level)

**Paper 3:** 21–23 minutes oral exam – including 5 minutes preparation time (30% of the A Level)

### What career opportunities does this open up?

The A Level French qualification is suitable for students who wish to go on to further study, including a modern languages degree, or for those who wish to progress to employment. As companies expand their reach internationally, due to the rapid advancement of technology, the demand for French-speaking employees is ever-increasing.