

AS and A Level: French

Modern Languages

Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

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Course Title
A-Level French

QAN Code
601/8727/X

Awarding Body
AQA

Languages are needed for all kinds of jobs. Languages open doors in computing, customer services, engineering, finance, marketing, education and the media.

Language skills are useful right here in the UK; employers want people who can speak other languages, so they're not just useful for travelling or working abroad. Languages open doors - to travel, to meeting people, and to new experiences.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, a language can help you to get the best out of life. You don't have to be fluent for a language to give you the edge in fields such as tourism and retail, even basic knowledge of another language can be really useful.

The 2 year A' level course allows pupils to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture of the countries where French is spoken.

The AQA A-level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The course is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree

Areas of interest include: Social Issues and trends, diversity and multiculturalism in French society, technology and its role in French speaking society. Students will also study aspects of French history and politics which have shaped French society through the study of set texts and films.

Students study technological and social

change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. They will study highlights of French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the French-speaking world.

Students 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.

There will be a variety of assessment tasks which cover all linguistic skills.

Individual research is also a feature of the course. Students must develop a project from one of 4 themes and use this as the basis of their discussion with the speaking examiner.