

French

Qualifications

Exam board: AQA and 7652 (A2)

End of Year 13 – A2 Level (two year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or higher (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade 6 in French is required. A grade 5 will be considered with a 6 in the written component of the exam.

Skills Required

The course enables students to develop communicative skills learnt at GCSE with greater confidence and accuracy. Students are expected to express opinions, and debate current affairs topics, looking at both sides of the argument. An independent love and interest in French culture and current affairs is essential.

Course Outline

A Level language courses immerse students in the culture of the foreign language and allow for more personalised contact with the Foreign Language Assistant. Students develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of French-speaking countries, studying the influence of the past on present-day French-speaking communities, technological change, French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema. Students study a literary text and a film, exploring aspects such as plot, characterisation, imagery or other stylistic features.

Student Testimony

"I love studying French. It's a good asset to have; languages are highly respected and French is fun. It's my favourite subject at A level, as you are discussing and having conversations, yet it's work at the same time."

Career Paths & Degree Courses

Studying a foreign language equips students with skills that are much in demand in the world of business and commerce, both in the UK and abroad. We often hear that language study is declining but this course will give our students the competitive edge in the global marketplace. Languages are often complementary and are not always necessarily the key skill. There are many language/combined courses available to choose from at University. Particular careers involving languages consist of: Interpreting, translation, journalism, marketing, software development, engineering. The list is endless!

Year 12	Year 13
Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 40% of AS	Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing Written exam: 2½ hours 160 marks in total 40% of A level
Paper 2 - Writing Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes 60 marks 30% of AS	Paper 2 - Writing Written exam: 2 hours 90 marks in total 30% of A level
Paper 3 - Speaking Oral exam: 12-14 minutes (15 minutes preparation time prior to this) 60 marks 30% of AS	Paper 3 - Speaking Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (5 minutes preparation time prior to this) 60 marks in total 30% of A level