



French A Level

Entry Requirement: Grade 7 in French

Awarding Body: AQA

The aim of the syllabus is to enable candidates to develop the language skills needed for effective, sophisticated communication in French and to provide them with an opportunity to gain an insight into contemporary French-speaking societies around the world.

In addition to practising listening and reading, particular attention will be paid to the promotion of accuracy and wealth of structures in the more active speaking skills. Candidates will be encouraged to learn vocabulary in context by engaging personally and building up a portfolio of authentic articles on current affairs.

Scheme of Assessment

At the end of the two-year course (Year 13), students will sit three externally assessed papers. Paper 1, which covers listening, reading, and writing, lasts 2½ hours and accounts for 50% of the final grade. Paper 2 focuses on writing with a literary component, is 2 hours long, and contributes 20% to the overall mark. Paper 3 is a speaking assessment lasting 21–23 minutes, including 5 minutes of preparation time, and makes up the remaining 30%. This final paper will be conducted either by the Centre or a visiting examiner and marked by an AQA examiner.

Reporting of Achievement

Achievement is reported on a scale of six grades: A*, A, B, C, D, E

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for Grade E will be recorded as U and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Who should I contact for more information?

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