

French: A-level (Awarding Body AQA)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 or above (Grade 7 preferred) in GCSE French. Students should have a sound knowledge of grammar and be able to manipulate verbs in a range of tenses. They should also have a desire to immerse themselves in the French culture. The A-level French course is likely to be taught as a joint Areté Learning Trust class in conjunction with Stokesley and Northallerton Sixth Form Colleges.

CONTENT

First Year

Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends

- the changing nature of family
- the cyber-society
- the place of voluntary work

Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

- a culture proud of its heritage
- contemporary francophone music
- cinema: the 7th art form

Grammar

Second Year

Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- Demonstrations and strikes – who holds the power?
- Politics and immigration

Grammar

You will sit three exams at the end of Year 13. These exams will assess subject contents from all AS and A-level topics and will focus on the following linguistic skills:

- Listening/Reading/Translations (Paper 1)
- Writing (Paper 2)
- Speaking (Paper 3)

PROGRESSION

Students can progress to a wide variety of sectors such as Business, The Civil Service, The Foreign Office, Interpreting, Bilingual PA work, Teaching, Journalism, Law and Engineering.

GENERAL COMMENTS

With the expansion of the European Union, international communication has always been and will remain a very important issue. The study of A-level French can provide you with an excellent basis for further study: it will complement all other A-level subjects. It also equips you with invaluable skills that can open doors in the world of work, as well as an insight into cultures and ways of life, in countries such as Canada, North Africa and of course France itself.



I knew I wanted to study French A-level as I have always been interested in the French language and culture which started after several holidays to France. By studying French, you will not only learn the language but also a variety of aspects of French life and society, including cinema, music, politics and current affairs, just to name a few! Even though learning French can be challenging at times, it is extremely rewarding when you are able to apply what you've learnt to reading, writing and speaking.

French lessons are always enjoyable and the teachers are extremely supportive and patient, going out of their way to help. I intend to study French and Arabic at university and hope to be able to use both languages in my future career.



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