

TITLE	FRENCH (A LEVEL)
BOARD	AQA
INTRODUCTION	The A level course is designed to enable students to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of countries where French is spoken.
COURSE STRUCTURE	Students will 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 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 or film and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.
ASSESSMENT	<p>At A level there are 3 examinations:</p> <p>Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing. Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes • 100 marks in total • 50% of A level.</p> <p>Paper 2: Writing: 2 hours • 80 marks in total • 20% of A level.</p> <p>Paper 3: Speaking: Oral exam: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) • 60 marks in total • 30% of A level.</p>
GENERAL COMMENTS	The course offers enjoyment, intellectual stimulation and challenge to students with a real curiosity about the language and culture of the French-speaking world. Students should be prepared to take part in discussions, reading activities, role-plays and comprehension exercises using a variety of materials, such as textbooks, newspapers, magazines, TV and the Internet. Students will be expected to undertake additional independent work to support their learning. First-hand experience of a French-speaking country is encouraged during the period of study.
PROGRESSION	Students with the ability to speak one or more foreign languages are becoming increasingly sought after and students with a post-GCSE qualification in French have acquired skills and knowledge of real value in future employment, leisure and further study. The A level prepares students for traditional language courses offered by most universities, but linguists are also in great demand in banking, insurance, marketing, business, engineering, law and many other areas, and degree courses including a language element are becoming more and more popular, many of which offer the opportunity to study abroad for part of the course.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	In order to study A level French you must have followed a GCSE course and obtained at least a grade 6, and ideally a grade 7, or be a fluent speaker with/without qualifications.

If you have any questions regarding the courses please contact Mr Dunn.