



French (Linear)

AQA: Course Code 7652

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Course Outline:

Languages are an invaluable asset in today's multicultural world and the course aims to enable students to express themselves proficiently in conversation and in writing on a variety of topical issues, as well as developing research skills. It will develop their ability to extract information from a range of spoken and written texts, to recognise points of view and opinions and develop their awareness of other cultures, including their literary heritage.

This is a two year linear course during which time students will study topics under the following four themes with a focus on knowledge and understanding of French culture:

1. Aspects of French speaking society: current trends (family, technology and the role of voluntary work)
2. Aspects of French speaking society: current issues (features of a diverse society, how criminals are treated)
3. Artistic culture in the French speaking world (music, cinema, heritage)
4. Aspects of political life in the French speaking world (teenagers, politics and immigration).

Whilst acquiring a much broader range of vocabulary, students will also consolidate their grammatical knowledge of the subject developing their communication skills. The skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing remain at the core of language teaching and students will be engaged in a variety of activities, including presentations and group projects, as well as independent research and teacher led tasks.

The course will continually develop accuracy in language whilst also developing a students' ability to research a theme of their choice independently. Students will be developing arguments and forming conclusions, which they will then present orally, demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the cultural and social context of their research.

In addition, either two literary texts or a literary text and a film will be studied over the course of the two years.

Assessment Framework:

Paper 1 (50%): Listening, reading and writing

A written examination covering the skills of listening, reading and translation (both into French and into English).

Paper 2 (20%): Writing

An essay question in French about the two literary works studied

Paper 3 (30%): Speaking

Task 1: Discussion on a theme.

Task 2: Presentation and discussion on student's independent research project

Assessment is by an oral examination conducted by your teacher but assessed by the exam board. This will be based on discussion of a stimulus card chosen by the student plus a presentation and discussion of the student's chosen research project.

Course Entry Requirements:

GCSE French grade 6

Why Study A-level French?

Many think that the only jobs available for language students are in translation, interpreting and teaching but with 75% of the world population not speaking English, UK companies now need foreign language speakers to compete in global markets. A wide range of careers opportunities are enhanced, whether based in the UK or abroad, in a variety of fields including: international business, politics, education and travel.

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