

# French



**Exam Board** AQA

**Qualification** GCE A-Level French

**Entry Requirements** Grade 6 in French, with consistent performance in all 4 skills. Students should have sat the Higher tier exam at GCSE.

## Content (Outline of Course)

**In year one of the course there are 3 compulsory topics:**

- Current trends in French-speaking society (the changing nature of family, the 'cyber-society' and the place of voluntary work)
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world (a culture proud of its heritage, contemporary francophone music, cinema: the 7<sup>th</sup> art form)

**In year two of the course there are 4 compulsory topics:**

- Current trends in French-speaking society (positive features of a diverse society, life for the marginalised and how criminals are treated)
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world (teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, demonstrations, strikes (who holds the power?) and politics and immigration)
- A study of a French-speaking book and film
- An individual research project linked to a French-speaking country or culture

## Assessment

### THE A-LEVEL EXAMINATION

#### Unit 1 – Listening and Reading

2 hours 30 minutes, and forms 50% of the total A-Level marks

#### Unit 2 – Writing

2 hours, and forms 20% of the total A-Level marks

#### Unit 3 – Speaking

21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes of preparation time), and forms 30% of the total A-Level marks

## Careers Guidance

French is a highly valued A-Level and choosing it will increase your chances of gaining a place at a leading university. Languages combine well with virtually any subject for further study: the range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is limitless – from Accountancy to Theatre Studies. Many universities even offer funding for students to continue or extend their language-knowledge by travelling or working abroad during the holidays. Many universities also offer the opportunity to take an ERASMUS year whereby students can study their degree subject in another country and, develop and practise their language skills at the same time.