

What is French A Level?

If you are interested in becoming fluent in another language and infinitely widening your cultural, linguistic and professional prospects, this is the A Level for you. Alongside the fantastic opportunity to use your language skills during a trip to France, this course will enable you to analyse current affairs and trends, literature, film and music in order to deepen your understanding of this fascinating country.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting
1: Listening, reading and writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ French-speaking society: current trends & issues✓ Artistic culture in the French-speaking world✓ Aspects of political life in the French speaking world✓ Grammar	50% 100 marks 2 hours 30 minutes
2: Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Question in French on a set text/film✓ Question in French on a different set text	20% 80 marks 2 hours
3: Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Individual research project✓ French-speaking society: current trends & issues✓ Artistic culture in the French-speaking world✓ Aspects of political life in the French speaking world	30% 60 marks 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes prep. time)

How will I be assessed?

100% exam at the end of year 13

WHERE CAN FRENCH A LEVEL TAKE ME?

All French language courses (which include a year abroad in a country where French is spoken). Ab initio (beginner) language courses usually require proof of language learning. Joint honours courses with a language (English & French, Law with French law, Business & French etc)(also often include a year or a term abroad). Any academic course appreciates the value of a language A Level, including more science based courses such as Medicine as it shows well roundedness. Language degrees can lead to careers in almost anything including diplomacy, interpreting, translating, teaching, politics, journalism.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

- ✓ Linguistic & Communication skills to understand and manipulate the language to convey meaning.
- ✓ Critical thinking and analytical skills to understand and discuss current trends and cultural output in French.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

Grade A at GCSE

RECOMMENDED READING:

It is a very good idea to read and listen to online content in French, even if you don't understand it all. (<http://www.lemonde.fr/> <http://www.lefigaro.fr/> <http://www.listenlive.eu/france.html>)

There is a requirement to study at least one set text and an option to study a film. Here are a small selection of the novels and films on offer;

L'étranger, Albert Camus

Candide, Voltaire

Bonjour Tristesse, Françoise Sagan

Kiffe kiffe demain, Faïza Guène

La Haine, Mathieu Kassovitz (1995)

L'auberge espagnole, Cédric Klapisch (2002)

Entre les murs, Laurent Cantet (2008)



HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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