

Subject: French

Exam Board: AQA

Course Number: 7652

Course Overview: The A-level builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. Students must also study one film and one book, appreciating, analysing and being able to respond critically in writing in French to the work they have studied. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study. Subject content areas are:

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Study of a French Film (La Haine)
- A work of literature (Kiffe, Kiffe Demain)
- Individual research project

How is this A Level assessed?:

Unit Code	Unit Title	Term when will this be taught (2 yr course)	Assessment Details	Assessment Weighting
7952/1	Listening, Reading and Writing	All skills are integrated and taught throughout the 2 years.	Comprehension and translation	50%
7952/2	Writing		An essay question in French for the film and book they have studied..	20%
7952/3	Speaking		The test will be in two parts. Part 1 will be the discussion of a theme studied and Part 2 will be the presentation and discussion of the student's individual research project.	30%

GCSE grades (minimum) required to enrol on this course:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE
Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

What can I do with this qualification/Post-18 progression opportunities/ university subjects which this course supports:

Post 18 work: Languages are an invaluable skill to have. Having a language can increase your salary from 8 to 20% and gives you a head start on other potential employees as by speaking another language you're vital to any company who does international business. (Source: http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/post16/why_languages/#toc_1)

Post 18 study: Languages are considered by the Russell Group as a “facilitating” subject for degree courses as it leaves open a wide range of options for university study. These facilitating subjects are:

Other A Level Subjects which support academic attainment/ complement learning

Due to the varied nature on the language A level course, a variety of subjects would complement learning: English, history, geography, psychology, sociology, Spanish, German to name a few.

Essential Textbook incl ISBN

Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN-13 9780198366881

Recommended supplementary resources- websites, blogs, journals:

Le Monde / www.lemonde.fr
La Libération / www.liberation.fr
L'Express
Le Nouvel Observateur

Course specific equipment- include place to purchase and typical cost or estimate:

Complete Guide to Conjugating 12, 000 French Verbs: Bescherelle (English Edition) -
Complete Guide to Conjugating Verbs

ISBN-13 9782218065910

Out of lesson learning including trips and visits (cost?):

Film Institute Study day £10
Study trip / work experience in France (Optional)

Lead Teacher to contact:

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