

# French

Specification no.: 7651 (AS) / 7652 (A Level)



## French

**This is a two year linear A level course** - The AS content forms the first half of the A level content and can be assessed at the end of Year 12 to provide an AS Level qualification if the student is dropping the subject and believes they can get a strong grade. Otherwise the two years of content are assessed at the end of Year 13 to give the A level grade.

### AS level – at a glance

Unit	Skills	Content may include
1a	Listening Reading Translation	Aspects of a French-speaking culture Artistic culture of a French country Grammar
2a	Writing	One text/one film from specified list Grammar
3 12-14 mins (15 mins)	Speaking	Covering content from 1a

### A level – at a glance

1b	Listening Reading Translation	Aspects of a French Speaking country Artistic culture of a French country Multiculturalism Aspects of political life Grammar
2b	Writing	One text & one film from specified list Grammar
3 21-23 mins (5 mins)	Speaking	Covering content from 1a and 1b

### Course Delivery:

Work in class involves mainly listening and reading activities leading to oral discussion. Written work is developed in class as well as part of homework.

Students need to be prepared to take an active part in lessons whether in pairs, group work or whole-class work. Their ability to communicate ideas accurately in written French is developed by means of a comprehensive grammar programme. In order to develop confidence and fluency in speaking the language, additional sessions are arranged with the French Language Assistant. Students are expected to learn and revise vocabulary and undertake additional reading and research on chosen topics in their own time.

## Course Content: The course may include the following themes:

Current trends in French-speaking society. (AS & A level)	Family, Cyber Society, Voluntary Work
Artistic Culture in French- speaking world. (AS & A level)	Contemporary francophone music, cinema, patriotism
Current issues in society (A level)	Diverse Society, Life for the marginalised, Crime
Political life (A level)	Teenagers, the right to vote, demonstrations, strikes, Politics and Immigration
Film (AS – either 1 film/text) (A level – 1 text & 1 film / 2 texts)	One of the following: - <i>Au revoir les enfants</i> - <i>La Haine</i> - <i>L'auberge espagnole</i> - <i>Un long dimanche de fiançailles</i> - <i>Entre les murs</i> - <i>Les 400 coups</i>
Literary texts	One/two of the following: - Molière <i>Le Tartuffe</i> - Voltaire <i>Candide</i> - Maupassant <i>Boule de suif et autres contes de la guerre</i> - Camus <i>L'étranger</i> - Françoise Sagan <i>Bonjour tristesse</i> - Claire Etcherelli <i>Elise ou la vraie vie</i> - Joseph Joffo <i>Un sac de billes</i> - Faïza Guène <i>Kiffe kiffe demain</i> - Philippe Grimbert <i>Un secret</i> - Delphine de Vigan <i>No et moi</i>
Individual Research Project (A level)	Students must identify a subject or a key question which is of interest to them and which relates to a country or countries where French is spoken. Students will demonstrate their ability to initiate and conduct individual research by analysing and summarising their findings, in order to present and discuss them in the speaking assessment.

## Entry requirements:

6 Grade in French is required in addition to normal entry requirements.

## Skills & personal qualities developed by course:

By the end of the course you will be able to

- Understand authentic spoken and written French
- Discuss a variety of issues in French
- Speak and write French with a high level of accuracy
- Research and present important aspects of French society
- Feel confident in the ability to converse on a variety of topic areas in the target language

## Visits/resources/other selling points:

- We use a variety of up-to-date resources including authentic resources, YouTube videos, books, newspaper articles to engage students. We encourage students to participate in exchange programmes (Bristol, Bordeaux) or to undertake a visit period of work-experience in France.

## Recommended reading/websites:

- Try to read as much French as possible to develop your language and opinions on current events in French-speaking countries. How about looking at the following website to get a flavour of the language you will use at AS and A level [www.france24.com](http://www.france24.com). Check out the vast array of French-Language films and TV shows on Netflix. How about changing the language on your favourite programme to French? This will help improve your comprehension skills greatly.



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