

# A Level French

**Examination board & syllabus: AQA FRENCH**

**Minimum Entry Requirements: GCSE French Grade 6**

## **Course Outline:**

The A Level French course is designed to develop and build on the language skills acquired at GCSE and to provide a deep insight into another culture and society.

- **A- level course : 2 year linear course** with all assessments at the end of Year 13

During the Year 12 course, students will cover: **Aspects of French society: Current trends, Artistic culture in French world and a cultural topic (a film)**

The Year 13 course then covers **Aspects of French society: Current issues, Aspects of political life in the French speaking world, a cultural topic (a book)** and opportunities for an **Individual Research project based on the French speaking world**

## **A-Level examinations in June Year 13**

- **A-level Paper1:** Content assessed: All Aspects of French speaking society (Year 1 and 2) and grammar; Written exam: 2, 5 hours, 40% of A level
- **A-level Paper 2:** Content assessed: one book and one film or two books and grammar; Written exam: 2 hours, 90 marks, 30% of A Level
- **A level Paper 3:** Content assessed: Individual research project based on French speaking society and one of the four sub-themes studied across the 2 years 30% of A Level, oral exam

## **Independent Study Tips:**

Students will be provided with several learning booklets containing past material (E.g. stimulus cards/exam questions/grammar practice) and will be given details of websites where they can listen to French radio, read French news and watch French television. They will also spend time outside of classroom to practise their speaking skills and discuss the topic areas with a designated teacher.

## **Higher Education Progression:**

The A-level course is essential for degrees in French. There are also combined degrees which include French, for example Law with French, Politics with French, History with French, International Relationships/Law and Business with French.

## **Career Opportunities:**

Linguists have a wide range of career opportunities open to them - the business world, translating, interpreting, teaching, journalism, any career involving travelling, amongst many others.

## **Useful Websites:**

[www.lepointdufle.net/](http://www.lepointdufle.net/)

[www.tv5.org](http://www.tv5.org)

[www.radiofrance.fr](http://www.radiofrance.fr)

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)

[www.bonjourdefrance.com](http://www.bonjourdefrance.com)

[www.realfrench.net](http://www.realfrench.net)

[www.kerboodle.co.uk](http://www.kerboodle.co.uk) (online support)