

French

Examination board – AQA

Students will explore French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement as well as who wields political power in the French-speaking world. They will also look at diversity and its benefits, in addition to social and technological change.

Students also explore the influence of the past on present-day French-speaking communities. Throughout their studies, they will learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study literary texts and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

Assessment tasks will be varied and cover listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation skills.

AQA A Level Content: First Year

1. Aspects of French-speaking Society: Current Trends

The changing nature of:

- The 'cyber-society'
- The place of voluntary work

2. Artistic Culture in the French-Speaking World

- A culture proud of its heritage
- Contemporary francophone music
- Cinema: the 7th art form

3. One Literary Text

4. Grammar + Translations

AQA A Level Content: Second Year

1. Aspects of French-Speaking Society: Current Issues

- Positive features of a diverse society
- Life for the marginalised
- How criminals are treated

2. Aspects of Political Life in the French-Speaking World

- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment
- Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power?
- Politics and immigration

3. One literary text

4. Grammar + Translations

5. Individual research project (Speaking test)

Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

Listening + Reading

Questions will target main points, gist and detail and will require either non-verbal responses or responses in French. Questions will include the need to infer meaning and will include abstract material such as opinions, views, emotional reactions and personal experiences.

Translation

Students will translate a passage of at least 100 words from French into English.

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Paper 2: Writing (Literature)

Students will answer an essay question in French for each of the two literary works they have studied

GCSE Entry Requirements

We would like students to have achieved grade 8 – 9 in GCSE French.