



FRENCH

Examination Board: AQA
Specification: Advanced GCE 7652
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-draft-7652/specification-at-a-glance>

Why should I study French?

Plenty of opportunity to express opinions and look at subjects of interest to your age group. Transferable skills such as presenting and evaluating arguments, summarising the main points of texts and interpreting an argument to another person.

What will I learn about?

The AQA specification is divided into 3 themes:

1. Aspects of French speaking society: current trends and issues
2. Artistic culture in the French speaking world
3. Aspects of political life in the French speaking world.

These topics are designed to engage and motivate linguists to understand more fully current and emerging trends and issues in the French speaking world.

In addition students will study one literary text and one French film from a list set in the specification.

How will I be taught?

Using the digital book as well as a selection of authentic materials, we shall read and listen to material in the target language. This will lead to discussing in pairs, groups or with the whole class. Written work will be based on this material. There will be a requirement for students to undertake reading and listening, and learning of vocabulary on their own initiative.

Application beyond school:

- Useful for leisure purposes - holiday and travel abroad.
- Wide application for business and commercial use.
- Opens opportunities for study of all subjects abroad under ERASMUS/ SOCRATES schemes.
- Valuable adjunct to other qualifications in any profession – there is a shortage of people with language qualifications.
- Language graduates have one of the lowest unemployment rates.



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Assessment Format:

Level	Component	Requirements	Duration	Marks
A Level	Paper 1 Listening, reading and writing	Reading and listening material will be generated from the 3 themes. Pupils will be required to complete a range of activities including comprehension based tasks, summarising passages using synonyms and translating into both the target language and English	2 hours 30 minutes Year 13	160 40% of A Level
A Level	Paper 2 Writing	Two essay questions from one literary text and one film from the list set in the specification.	2 hours Year 13	90 30% of A Level
A Level	Paper 3 Speaking	Individual research project on a topic of your choice relating to a current or emerging trend in the French speaking world. Discussion of a photocard stimulus based around one of the 3 themes.	Oral exam, 25 minutes Year 13	60 30% of A Level

Are there any special requirements?

- Normally grade 9, 8 or 7 at G.C.S.E. required.
- Students will need to be able to cope competently with grammar.